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**Beloved AHS principal succumbs to cancer**

## Larry Robinson 1952-1999



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

**Student tribute —** Andover High students say farewell (below) to their late principal, Larry Robinson. As one AHS staff member noted, "It takes a lot for a kid to give up a hat." Robinson, who died Saturday after a year-long battle is shown above with his wife, West Middle School Principal Vicki Simms, in a photo from this past summer.

By Rebecca Lipchitz

As students trotted through the drizzle to the doors of Andover High School Tuesday, they were greeted by teachers, administrators and school leaders.

The welcoming committee included Supt. of Schools Dr. Claudia Bach, Assistant Superintendent Marinel McGrath, Athletic Program Coordinator Dick Bourdelais, and Director Jim Hurley, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Health Director Dave Nichols, art teacher Delores Dunning, social studies teacher Pam Bowdin, and many others.

There was also a new face: interim principal Bruce MacDonald.

And MacDonald was there because, in spite of those warm greetings and talk of summer vacations, the knowledge that someone was missing hung heavily in air.

Plastic cups had been arranged in the chain link fence off the tennis court, reading "We'll miss you" and "Hats off to Larry." Students painted "The Rock" to read "Mr. Robinson We LOVE U."

Those were all tributes to Principal Larry Robinson, who had hoped to greet students on opening day despite his failing health, but had died Saturday after a nearly year-long struggle.

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## Fight over a fence

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Perry Raffi says good fences make good neighbors. Raffi's neighbors say the wrong fence will ruin a neighborhood.

That may simply sound like a good old-fashioned turf war in a good old-fashioned neighborhood. But it is no ordinary dispute in no ordinary neighborhood.

Raffi has lived at 13 Center St., across from the historic Ballardvale Green, for nine years, and after difficulties developed between himself and his new next-door neighbors, Ron and

Michelle Kravette of 11 Center St., he requested permission from the Ballardvale Historic District Commission to erect a stockade fence along 30 feet of his property.

"It's a privacy issue, which stems from a personal issue," Raffi says, adding that he also needs a fence to contain his dog.

What complicates the neighbors' conflict is that they are more than just next-door neighbors. Both Raffi and Kravette are members of the Ballardvale Historic District Commission. Yet another commission member,

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## Bobby McFerrin coming to Phillips Academy

By Neil Fater

For some, Bobby McFerrin is all about simple pleasures. Specifically, he's about his Grammy-winning album *Simple Pleasures* and its once-ubiquitous single *Don't Worry Be Happy*.

But to his fans, knowing McFerrin as a guy who sang *Don't Worry Be Happy* is a bit like knowing John Hinckley Jr. as a guy who kind of liked Jodie Foster. There's so much more there there.

Later this month, Andover residents will have a chance to see just how much.

That's because the Phillips Academy music department will present McFerrin in a free concert Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m., in Cochran Chapel on the school campus, 180 Main St. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible.

The concert is open to Andover residents, with a maximum of two tickets available,

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## Arrests still controversial

By Neil Fater

A few weeks after police made an example of four of about 50 kids who were hanging out at Sanborn School, Police Chief Brian Pattullo wants to convince people that those arrests were not examples of how police and youth typically interact.

Pattullo seems particularly stung by comments attributed to Selectman Brian Major that the

arrests could drive a wedge between police and Andover youth. Those comments appeared in a Sunday, Aug. 29 article in a Boston paper, after a pair of articles about the incident appeared in the *Townsmen*.

"I think that comment is more hurtful than the incident itself," says Pattullo. "We've put a lot of effort into building a relationship with the youth and

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He's tops — Barry Harrison, shown with his wife Connie at a party in his honor, is a 1966 AHS grad who was named Teacher of the Year, in the Centerville school district of Indiana.

## AHS grad is Teacher of the Year in Indiana district

Barry Harrison, a 1966 graduate of Andover High School, has done his alma mater proud out in the flatlands of Indiana.

Harrison, 50, a 28-year veteran art teacher at Centerville-Abington High School, was named 1999 Teacher of the Year by a committee of previous winners of the award.

The committee said Harrison combines "the experience of a sage (with) the enthusiasm of a child," and has a "laid-back yet demanding approach" that brings out the best in students.

According to Harrison, whose mother, Nora Harrison, now of York Beach, Maine, sent the *Townsmen* a few press clips, it was an "unexpected honor."

Harrison was quoted in the regional *Palladium-Item* newspaper saying that a good teacher must know the information, keep good records, present the information clearly and judge the progress of students accurately.

"Some people don't think that you actually teach in art. I actually

do teach," he said.

Mrs. Harrison says her son has broadened art instruction to include computer graphics and film production. The school principal, Phil Stevenson, calls him "a school leader who is also involved in school improvement committees (and who) volunteers his time to high school track and field teams."

Harrison and his wife, Connie, have several foster children. The couple were recently honored by friends and relatives at a party in Maine.

## 'Inspirational' U.S. Sealcoat vp dies

Scott McBay, who became a vice president at U.S. Sealcoat Inc. in Woburn after becoming a quadriplegic in a motorcycle accident ("Company paves way for disabled worker," *Townsmen*, Aug. 14, 1997), died suddenly last week, at 27.

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Kartell hearing is Sept. 22

As they prepare for the murder trial of Dr. James Kartell, both the prosecutor and defense attorney are pushing for more information.

Prosecutor Fred McAlary says he has subpoenaed records from one of Kartell's lawyers, a lawyer who represented Kartell both before and after the shooting.

Kartell is charged with shooting Janos Vajda, his estranged wife's fiancé, at Holy Family Hospital when both men came to visit her in February. Kartell worked at Holy Family and was a plastic surgeon.

After the shooting, Kartell was barred from returning to the hospital, but his defense attorney will argue that he needs access to the building, says

McAlary.

Specifically, Kartell's defense attorney wants to take measurements in the room where Kartell shot Vajda, he says.

"Hopefully we're going to argue these motions on the 22nd and go from there," says McAlary.

This discovery hearing was originally scheduled for Friday, Sept. 10, but was recently continued until Sept. 22.

— Neil Fater

## Selectmen to tour Will Hall on Saturday

The Board of Selectmen are scheduled to tour Williams Hall, the site of the proposed new senior center on the Phillips Academy campus, this Saturday at 11 a.m.

Senior Services coordinator Jeanne

Madden says the tour is just for the selectmen this time, because there are still some PA students in the building. She says there will be a more extensive tour later, open to more people.

## Andover Dems to meet

The Andover Democratic Town Committee will meet Monday, Sept. 20, on the second floor of Town Offices at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call the chair, Norma Villarreal, at 475-4485.

## Cellucci at Genetics ground breaking

Gov. Paul Cellucci was expected to be the keynote speaker at a groundbreaking ceremony yesterday (Wednesday) for the expansion of Genetics Institute's manufacturing facility at 1 Burt Road.

The ceremony, scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m., was also to include remarks from Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Genetics vice president of manufacturing H. Michael Koplov and senior project director Gerard Riedel.

The Genetics expansion has been opposed by Ballardvale neighbors, but a group of residents withdrew a suit to block the project after the Board of Selectmen agreed to try a series of traffic controls in the area.

## Web poll results

Last week's question on the *Townsmen's* Web page was, Do you think public school students get too many days off during the year?

Maybe it was mostly kids voting, but the view from the Web was "no," with 25 readers responding. There were 11 voting yes, and 14 voting no.

This week's question is: Do you agree with Selectman Larry Larsen that the town charter needs a comprehensive review?

Surf to [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com) and cast your vote.

## Quote, unquote . . .

**'W**hat I have seen is a basically reactive government. Issues float to the top, and then they're discussed by a committee. You wonder, 'Where's the beef?' and there isn't much."

Selectman Larry Larsen on the effectiveness of local government. Larsen admits that, in his last year on the board, he's becoming more outspoken.

**'S**he was very complimentary, and asked if there was anything she could do for me. I told her to put in a good word for me with her syndicate."

Rose Mula, on speaking with Ann Landers, after the columnist ran a column that Mula had written two years ago that was published in the *Townsmen*.

**'T**he dog will be inside the vehicle for the night, and the lights may be flashing in case a neighbor calls."

Item from the Andover police log, reporting on a dog that had locked itself inside its owner's car.

**'W**hile the teacher is gone, his teaching continues."

Andover High Social Studies teacher David Lussier, on the passing of AHS Principal Larry Robinson.

## NEWS CALENDAR

### Thursday, September 9

Ballardvale/Lowell Junction Road Area Traffic Task Force, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Andover Housing Authority, 100 Morton Street, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 8

Senior Center Building Committee, Senior Center, 7 p.m.

Strategic Planning Task Force, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

### Monday, September 13

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 14

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Preservation Commission, second-floor conference room, Town Offices,

5:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 15

Board of Registrars, Town Clerk's office, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Patriotic Holiday Committee, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, September 16

School Building Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Andover Cable Advisory Committee, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Andover Housing Authority, 100 Morton Street, 7 p.m.

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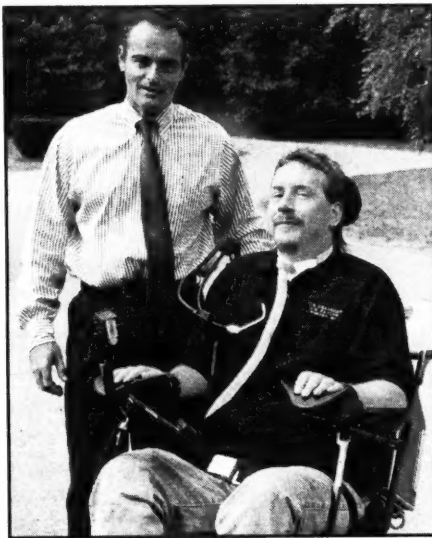
Michael Musto, U.S. Sealcoat president, who had found a way for McBay to continue working for the company even after he was disabled, said this week that McBay was an inspiration to him and others at the company, because he maintained such a positive outlook on life, and remained productive even while being paralyzed from the neck down.

McBay, who lived in Wilmington, had worked for several years for U.S. Sealcoat on the sealcoating crews, and after the accident, Musto rigged a special wheel to attach to McBay's wheelchair that allowed him to measure and record driveway dimensions.

McBay then visited area homes, including dozens in Andover, and would produce estimates for jobs, after measuring the driveway and checking it for stains and cracks. His estimate would include an explanation of the different driveway treatments available.

"Actually, we got a little more high-tech after we started," Musto said. "He knew somebody who designed a device that attached to the wheelchair and would record and store information. So then he could take that home, work up the estimates and mail them out. His nurses helped him as well, since he was under 24-hour care."

Musto said McBay's death was caused by a blood clot, "so in a way it was peaceful. He did-



File photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Broken, but not beaten — Mike Musto (left) says Scott McBay was an inspiration to others.**

n't suffer from anything. In fact, he had faxed me something just before he died."

McBay was active with the National Spinal Cord Association as a peer counselor, and Musto said one of his friends was a 4-year-old boy who had been paralyzed after being struck by a car when he was only 3.

"(The boy's) mother wrote a letter to Scott's family, saying what a wonderful mentor he had been to her son," Musto said.

McBay was also extremely proud of becoming vice president of U.S. Sealcoat's residential division. And Musto said McBay, "was a source of strength and reduced my stress, just by being able to talk to him."

"I'd get caught up in normal everyday things like unhappy customers or not enough profit on a job, and then Scott would show up and I'd forget about all that."

"The first thing that comes to mind is how courageous he was."

## Her column in a Web of intrigue

For Rose Mula, of Colonial Drive, the past week has been a bit of the best of times and the worst of times.

Not that she's expecting a writing career on the level of a Charles Dickens. She'd just like to see her work published from time to time.

So when a column she wrote for the *Townsmen* a couple of years ago ("A strange old lady moved into my house," *Townsmen*, May 8, 1997) suddenly showed up in newspapers all over the country last Friday, under the byline of syndicated columnist Ann Landers, she was pretty excited. She was also pretty frustrated.

Not that Landers claimed the story was her own. She said it had been



**Mother and child — Townsman advertising representative Cynthia Ross became a mom for the first time on Aug. 24. Here she is with brand-new daughter, Izabelle Ann Tagavi.**

passed along to her by a cousin, Ruth Davidson, in Phoenix.

But Mula wondered where Davidson had gotten it. "And I wondered what you have to do to protect yourself," she says. "How can you keep people from using your work without compensation, or without even giving you attribution?" "The first I heard about it was when a friend of mine

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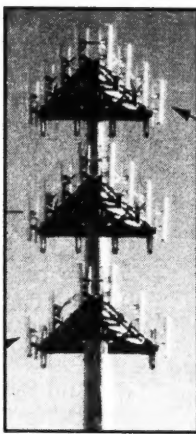


# Lawrence board halts more antennas on tower

Shepley Street residents still sit in the shadow of an unpopular 100-foot, cellular-phone tower, but are taking some solace in the fact that a move to add two more antennas to the tower has been put on hold.

The Lawrence Zoning Board denied an effort by Sprint and Bell Atlantic to add two antennas to the Nextel tower, at heights of 66 feet and 88 feet.

"They were denied based on the fact that they will need special permits," says Patty Scarborough, formerly of Shepley Street.



Scarborough says the companies can now appeal the decision in court or apply for a special permit.

"It's good news for us. It doesn't mean the fight's gone away, but it's a step in the right direction," she says. "It does buy us time."

Scarborough and several other residents argued against the expansion at an Aug. 26 Lawrence Zoning Board meeting.

It is not the first time Andover's Shepley Street neighborhood has spoken against the tower, since it was installed just over the Lawrence

line from their Andover homes.

Last year, residents of the Shepley Street neighborhood sued Lawrence and Nextel because neither the company nor the city informed them that the tower was going to be built so closely to their street.

Scarborough may still pursue a civil suit against the cellular phone companies.

She believes she has grounds for such a suit because her civil

rights were violated, and the sale price of her house was affected.

While most Andover residents have benefited from a hot housing market for several years, Scarborough says her house was on the market for seven months before it sold. Her family also had to lower its asking price \$35,000. Scarborough has moved from Shepley Street to Lincoln Circle.

— Neil Fater

## TOWN TALK

called me and said it was in the *Boston Globe* on Friday," Mula says.

With the help of former boss and good friend state Sen. Sue Tucker and Tucker's husband, Mike, Mula did make some progress in tracking the piece.

"Mike got right on the phone and found Ruth Davidson," she says, "and she said someone had sent it to her, who got it off the Internet."

When Mula got on the Web herself, and entered the words "strange old lady" into a search engine, she came up with five sites that included her column.

She e-mailed all of them, including Ann Landers, asking where they had gotten the column. And while she got some very nice responses, including a personal call from Landers, she still hasn't found who first posted her column on the Web.

"She (Landers) was very lovely and sweet. She's 81 years old, you know," Mula says. "She was very complimentary, and asked if there was anything she could do for me. I told her to put in a good word for me with her syndicate."

— Taylor Armerding

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# Nangle has a list of improvements for the Registry

Not to be out-outraged about Registry of Motor Vehicles inefficiency by Andover's state Sen. Sue Tucker, state Rep. David Nangle, D-Lowell, registered his complaints on the subject with Gov. Paul Cellucci this week through a set of recommendations presented by the Joint Committee on Public Safety.

After holding forums throughout the state to find out how the Registry is doing business, Nangle says no more than four of 80 people who spoke on the subject reported satisfactory service at the RMV.

"A lot of it has been totally unacceptable," he says.

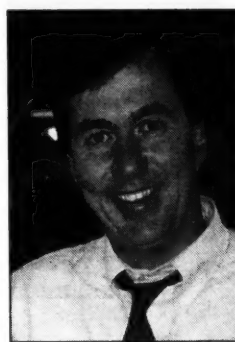
While Registry-bashing is popular in many towns across the state, outgoing Registrar Richard Lyons tried to make bashing the Registry-bashers popular in Andover.

Lyons, writing in an internal newsletter, said Tucker had no idea how complicated it was to run the Registry, and charged that she "more than likely is incapable (of understanding it) ... The RMV is far too complex for her to comprehend."

Tucker was clearly unfazed by the criticism, noting that Lyons has made a habit of blaming others for problems at the Registry.

And Nangle says he's got a handle on it, and developed, with the help of members of the Joint Committee, a list of more than a dozen recommendations for the Governor's office, including keeping the Lowell office open, and keeping all offices open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

If long lines associated with the RMV are the result of under staffing, Nangle suggests adding or redistributing employees.



Nangle — he's outraged, too.

Of the 755 RMV workers in the state, 358 are in RMV offices in various towns and 396 work in the RMV headquarters in Boston, Nangle says.

"Obviously keeping the Registry open another four hours a day would mean staffing would have to change. What are these 396 employees doing?" Nangle asks.

He also believes that a budget increase for the RMV to hire staff may be in order.

"The bottom line is that were trying to improve customer relations," he says.

The RMV takes in between \$350 million and \$500 million for the state per year, Nangle says, second only the Department of Revenue. The RMV's annual budget is about \$60 million, he says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

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## Arrests ...

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youth services. I think we've done a good job in the last year with that.

"I think a comment that one such incident of moving kids along and making a few arrests has undermined relations is very short-sighted," says Pattullo. "We try to treat youth with respect, the same way we try to give everyone the respect they deserve."

Police have repeatedly said the four youths arrested and charged with trespassing at Sanborn were chosen at random, and were not doing anything significantly different than the other youths there. Police arrested them to try to put a stop to the gatherings at the school that had been disturbing neighbors.

"That comment is very shortsighted

because as a police department, we have to look at the entire situation," says Pattullo. "People deserve peace and quiet in their neighborhood, and shouldn't have to listen to loud noises and squealing tires. Other children deserve play areas they can play in."

Police say they had found beer bottles and drug paraphernalia near the school for weeks, and found such items the night they made the four arrests.

Major could not be reached for comment before the *Townsmen's* press deadline.

During his time as police chief, Pattullo has put considerable effort into encouraging community policing, and interaction with youth. But he notes it is inevitable police will clash with some youth.

"There's always a small minority that are disrespectful, and they seem to get into the public eye. I'm certainly not talking about the youth in (the Sanborn) incident," he says.

"But unfortunately, there's a small minority of kids who give the impression that there's the kids versus the police. There was that group of kids when I was in school, when you were in school and now," he says.

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# Woman stuck by needle treated to prevent HIV

By Neil Fater

An Andover woman who was stuck twice with a hypodermic needle at a New Hampshire fast food restaurant will likely continue to take medication for weeks and be tested for months as a precaution to make sure she did not contract HIV or hepatitis.

The unidentified woman was pricked in the back and foot while reportedly wading into a Salem, N.H. Burger King play area filled with colorful plastic balls to retrieve a child.

The woman was treated at Lawrence General Hospital.

"There's a fair amount of mental duress when that happens to people," says Dr. Richard Iseke, head of the hospital's emergency services. "But, fortunately, the risk (of contracting disease) is low.

"In general the risk (for HIV) shouldn't be higher than what is usually (posted in studies), somewhere in the vicinity of less than 1 percent," he says.

While hospital staff confirmed the woman did go to Lawrence General for treatment, they would not comment on her specific case for privacy reasons. However, doctors did talk in general terms about how they treat such cases.

Dr. Jose Silva, director of the hospital's work health department, treats health care workers who are accidentally pricked by a needle used on a patient. He did not treat the woman who was stuck last Tuesday.

Silva says several things must be considered to determine the risk the victim has of contracting a disease.

"Normally, what we do is, first of all we evaluate the risk that the individual takes," he says. "From what I understand, the needle was discarded in this play area. How long had that been there? If it had been there more than 30 minutes... the needle would be considered to have a lower risk."

Silva says it is believed that HIV can not survive outside a body for more than 30 min-

utes, and once blood had dried, it is difficult for a disease to be transmitted.

"The other thing is how deep was the injection," says Silva.

From what Silva has heard of the case, he says it is a relatively low-risk situation.

Iseke says that in studies of health care workers, the chance of a person

contracting HIV from a needle prick is less than 1 percent, while the risk of contracting hepatitis is 5 to 30 percent.

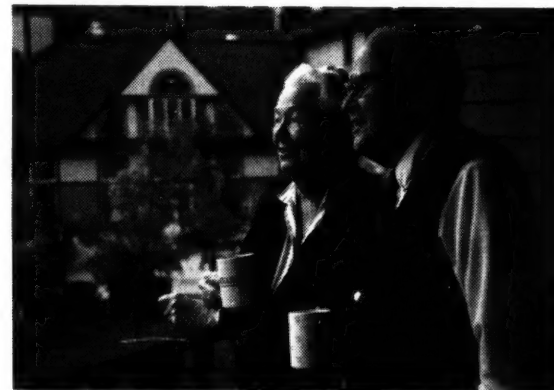
There is a vaccine for Hepatitis B, but not one for Hepatitis C, he says.

Silva says that, as a precaution, many who are stuck by unidentified needles take a combination of three different medications. Because these

drugs are strong, they can cause some people to feel nauseous. Silva says a person should take the pills for up to six weeks if they can. He says they are usually tested for HIV and hepatitis for six months.

At least one study on the effectiveness of one of these drugs showed the risk of contracting the disease reduced by 68 percent, says Iseke.

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## Requiem for a quiet hero

Even for those who didn't really know him, or had never even met him, it was hard not to notice that smile.

Andover High School Principal Larry Robinson, who lost his battle with cancer this past weekend, had the kind of smile that, as they say, "lit up a room."

Even this past spring, with his body already showing signs of the ravages of disease, he was there at the high school during preparation for graduation ceremonies, lighting up the room — lighting up the whole field house, in fact — with a megawatt smile.

How could a guy beam like that, in the face of an illness that was taking him away from the people he loved, the job he loved and the life he loved?

As his family, friends, colleagues and students know, that's one of the things that made Larry Robinson so special. He loved them, and the job that brought them together, far too much to be distracted by an illness — even a life-threatening one.

Larry Robinson was an educator for his entire career, whether it was running a camp, teaching or being an administrator. He lived it and breathed it.

So when confronted with his own mortality, he used that crisis to keep doing what he had always done — teaching.

He taught the students and faculty, along with the rest of us who watched and admired him from a distance, about courage. Of course he had to make concessions to the disease, but he kept getting up and going to work every morning.

He taught us how to face a crisis. Instead of "dying" for most of a year, he lived every day, right to the end.

He taught us how to live by continuing to live as he always had. While he became weaker and thinner as the cancer progressed, instead of becoming obsessed with his condition or wallowing in self pity, he poured himself into others, taking great delight in being present for the graduation of the Class of 1999 — the first and, sadly, the last under his administration.

So yes, it is a time to grieve for the loss of one who became a hero by caring more for others than himself.

But Larry Robinson wouldn't want us or his students to let that grief get in the way of the task at hand. If he inspired us, then he would want all of us to follow the example he set.

"It's a new year," he'd probably say. "It's time to get to work."

And, of course, he'd say it with that dazzling smile.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Claw-ning around** — John Willard (center) gets ready to "serve" his wife, Sheila, a lobster at their impromptu backyard clam and lobster bake at their Andover home this past weekend. Sheila is obviously thrilled. At left, calmly tending the barbecue, is brother-in-law Bill Lipchitz of Lowell. Yes, he's the father of *Townsmen* reporter Rebecca Lipchitz.

## The discovery of the pre-life crisis



**Taylor Armerding**

Now that school is finally starting again, we're all enduring that little frenzy of stories about the different stages of academia.

For example, one of our major metropolitan newspapers did profiles on three kids — one who is starting elementary school, one starting middle school and one starting high school.

Those stories are filled with details. They detail the angst of first-day school fashion, the angst of trying to eat breakfast when you're stomach is already filled with angst, the angst of wondering if you'll meet any cool new friends, the angst of climbing on the bus and facing at least some of the creeps from last year who never thought you were cool, the angst of new classes, new teachers, new activities.

It is important, I'm sure, to chronicle all this angst. Because if we didn't talk about it, what would we talk about? And if you kids weren't filled

with angst, think of all the school adjustment counselors and special needs therapists who would be without jobs, not to mention the Ritalin manufacturers who would suddenly find their profits plunging.

I'm sure all this angst analysis is being done with the best of intentions as well. We adults want to prepare you kids for "real life." We want you to be ready, by the time you get out of Andover High School or any number of the prestigious prep schools in our region, for college.

But I just want to caution you — don't think that once you've struggled through 12 years of elementary and secondary education, that you can finally bid farewell to psychological dysfunction.

Really, it goes on for decades — probably for your whole life. I keep hearing that I'm right around the prime time for a mid-life crisis — and that's 30-plus years out of high school. In fact, some of the creeps who still don't think I'm cool have suggested that this bike trip across Iowa that I took in July was *prima facie* evidence that I can't cope with middle age, and am trying to prove I can still mix it up with twentysomethings. I don't know where they get that idea.

I'm still maintaining I haven't had time to schedule a mid-life crisis. And besides, my boss hasn't given me the lavish bonus that will allow

me to buy a mid-life crisis car. (I hope he's listening. I've been thinking maybe something in a forest-green Miata.)

But I'm not here to encourage you kids to start getting depressed about a mid-life crisis. You still have a few decades to prepare for that, and in the meantime, you've got to raise the next generation of angst-ridden adolescents.

No, what I'm here to report is a major psychological discovery I have made of a much earlier crisis that you had better start worrying about immediately. I'm sure the academic journals will be all over me when they read this. I'll be on the talk shows. I'm going to rent a pipe and start wearing wire-rims and a bow tie.

I'm calling it the "pre-life crisis," and it is especially acute at this time of year, because it is brought on by the start of the academic year.

From my observational, and admittedly somewhat anecdotal, research, it tends to strike juniors and seniors in college, who suddenly become aware of what should have been obvious for at least the previous three years. They are about to get out of school, and not just for another obscenely long summer vacation. They are about to have to GET A LIFE.

For just about as long as they can

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# Letters

## The teacher is gone, but teaching continues

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Every once and a while a person enters our lives who we can never forget.

Larry Robinson was such a man. He came to Andover High School during a tumultuous time and helped chart a new course for the school. His energy was boundless and his enthusiasm infectious.

Rarely in his office, Larry preferred to be out in the hallways and classrooms with students and teachers. Very few mornings went by when he was not in the foyer welcoming everyone who entered with a smile and a twinkle in his eye.

When he announced he had cancer shortly into the school year, students and staff were devastated. We thought the worst, but not Larry. Instead of taking time off, he continued to come to school each day. We marveled at his ability to deal with his condition, as well as the rigors of being the principal of a high school. If courage is defined as that quality of mind that enables one to face danger with confidence, resolution and firm control, then Larry Robinson is the most courageous man I have ever met.

While his title at Andover High School was that of an administrator, Larry was, in reality, a teacher. His most important lesson was that one individual can make a difference. In his short time with us, Larry brought an entire school community together in a way that many of us thought impossible prior to his arrival. His indomitable spirit and eternal optimism touched the hearts of all who knew him.

The Larry Robinson I choose to remember is not a man weakened by cancer. While the disease took him from us, he never succumbed to it. Rather, the Larry Robinson I remember stands confidently in front of Andover High School offering encouragement to students and staff alike. Despite the deep sadness that we all feel, I'm sure Larry would want us all to rededicate ourselves to the excellence in education to which he devoted his life. While the teacher is gone, his teaching continues.

David Lussier  
Social Studies teacher  
Andover High School

## An incredible gift

Editor, *Townsmen*:

When Larry Robinson died last weekend, Andover lost a hero — a man who inspired young and old, educators and students alike.

Mr. Robinson was a hero to his students. He understood, perhaps better than most, that if you were honest with kids, they respond. He respected his students, and most importantly, he genuinely liked them. There was nothing that made Larry happier than to greet the buses as they dropped off the children each morning. His presence at the

## Her hero is Larry Robinson

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I wrote this letter a week ago and was hoping that Larry could read it and know just how much we loved him and appreciate all he has done for us.

Sadly, he passed away before the letter was printed. I need to add one line to this now to make it complete:

*A hero is someone who often times is not with us for a long period of time but, magically, he will live on in our hearts forever and ever.*

The word "hero" is not a word that we hear very often these days. Quite frankly, there aren't too many people out there who can fit the description. But, when a hero does come along, we are awestruck and filled with admiration and a sense of wonder at the magic that surrounds this rare phenomenon.

In my mind, a hero is someone who is not afraid to stand up for what they believe in, and will enforce these beliefs and back them up to the best of his ability. Magically, those around him become better people because of this and show respect not only for him but start respecting each other as well.

A hero is someone who instills trust in those he meets. By believing in you, magically you start believing in yourself and the doors that were once closed, are now open.

A hero does not know the meaning of the word selfish. His entire being is dedicated to improving things around him, be it people or situations. Magically, those fortunate enough to be touched by this hero, start succeeding where once before they had failed.

A hero is someone who is not afraid to love or to be loved. By giving his love

freely and without thought to those around him, magically this love is given back two- and threefold.

A hero is someone who by doing a simple act such as standing outside a school building every morning greeting all that pass through the doors, magically earns their respect and admiration.

A hero is someone who never gives up no matter what the odds are or the pain and suffering he may incur. He will fight with everything he has to overcome the odds and win while those around him cheer and pray and urge him on. For they too have magically become heroes, as he has found a permanent place in their hearts.

My hero is named Larry Robinson. He is everything one could ever wish for in a friend, an administrator, a leader and a human being. In one short year, Larry has brought to Andover High School and to our community, a sense of well being and pride. Where once there was discontent, unhappiness and despair, there is now, magically, trust, respect, positive attitudes and a climate of genuine caring and good will.

Larry has taken a school population that was divided emotionally and headed in a million different directions and healed the wounds and chartered a new course for the future. He has given both the students and the staff his loyalty and respect, and together there is only success in the future.

Magically, Larry Robinson has touched us all and taught us just how wonderful it is to have a hero in our midst.

Nancy Groff  
Lowell Street

school entrance set the tone for the entire day.

Larry was a hero to other teachers, clergy, and anyone who works with young people. He showed us that one need not lose his or her enthusiasm for their calling, even many years into the profession. Larry never became cynical or jaded. He would not allow the everyday, bureaucratic challenges of running a large school to get in the way of what he believed was his most important job: to inspire young people. Every day he reminded us that working with kids is an important responsibility and a great privilege. Larry's approach to his calling will remain an inspiration to all of us.

Larry was a hero to those of us blessed to be parents. When our teenagers are at their most "unlovable," stage, he taught us to love them even more. Larry showed us how to set high standards for our kids, and still embrace them in their uniqueness. His respect for our children was a constant reminder to us of the blessing of being a parent.

Larry Robinson died far too young. We rail at the ruthlessness of the disease

that took his life, but we are also grateful for the incredible gift of Larry's all-too-brief journey among us. While the capriciousness of disease and death defies rational explanation, a life lived with purpose and meaning is clearly a blessing.

Larry was one of those quiet heroes, who lived with honor and died with dignity and courage. We mourn as a community, but know that his memory will remain an inspiration forever.

*Now cracks the noble heart. Good night, sweet prince,*

*And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!*

— Hamlet V, ii, 373

Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein  
Temple Emanuel

## Statehouse internship was 'invaluable'

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I recently completed an eight-week internship at the State House in Boston. I worked in Representative Barry Finegold's office communicating with con-

stituents, writing press releases, answering the phone and researching issues.

It was an invaluable work experience for me, as I have studied journalism and political science for two years at the American University in Washington, D.C., and will continue this fall at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Working in a busy government office gave me both hands-on experience in a "real world" work environment and a rare chance to observe the workings of government first hand.

The summer internship program at the Statehouse is an incredible way to feel out many different fields at once; journalism, public relations work and politics. I enjoyed working for Rep. Finegold, and was grateful for the opportunity it gave me to explore the Statehouse and how it works behind the scenes. Spending the summer working in Boston on issues that affect Andover, where I have lived my whole life, was a rewarding and exciting experience.

Rebecca MacDougall  
447 South Main St.

## Will Constellation keep promises?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Now that Constellation Power is proceeding with its special permit application regarding its proposed 750-megawatt power plant in Dracut, I believe that the people of Dracut should be made aware of their power company's troubling current refusals to guarantee to state regulatory agencies what it has promised to the people during its earlier efforts to gain political support for this project. Constellation Power apparently has also begun to retract some of its earlier promises regarding the nature of the power plant sought to be constructed.

For example, during the current proceedings before the Energy Facilities Siting Board (The EFSB), Constellation refused to make any financial guarantees regarding the expectant noise levels from the power plant to the nearby residents. Constellation has also made no guarantees in response to requests for it to guarantee its air emissions projections.

Perhaps most troubling, the company has refused even to guarantee that the proposed power plant would always use "clean-burning" natural gas as its fuel. This how it responded to such a request before the EFSB:

**MVRE question:**

(a) Is the Petitioner willing to execute a written guarantee that under all circumstances that it will never apply for permission to run the facility on a fuel other than natural gas?

(b) If such guarantees are being offered, please provide the details thereof.

**Power company answer:**

(a) The Project will be permitted to

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operate firing natural gas only, as enforced by DEP air permit. If, in the future, the Project elects to fire any other fuel, such as fuel oil, the operating permit would need to be modified by the DEP and a new operating permit issued. Also, a number of additional permits would be required for oil storage facilities.

(b) Not applicable.

Constellation Power has for months touted its proposed power plant in Dracut as a "clean burning" facility due to its use of "natural gas." Yet, the power company now refuses even to guarantee that it will never seek to use alternative fuels, such as fuel oil, at the facility. The proposed facility, in other words, may be nothing more than a Trojan horse, a tactical trick appearing as a gift but in reality containing the agents of destruction.

While the power company has professed "con-

fidence" to the EFSB that its facility will operate as promised, it refused to guarantee its promises, and instead seeks to pass off responsibility to overworked and underfunded enforcement agencies, which are notoriously incapable of consistently maintaining air standards. Indeed, Constellation Power's campaign to construct and operate a power plant in Dracut is a confidence game, and the town should proceed warily with those who presently act so confidently as they purport to bear gifts to Dracut.

Christopher T. Vrontas  
379 River Road

## AHS grad recalls Mr. Robinson

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am a 1999 Andover High School graduate. Now a student at Bucknell University, I often think back to events and people that have impacted my life in a great way. A name that often comes to mind is Larry Robinson.

Mr. Robinson was a small man with

a large heart. During his short time at Andover High School he managed to not only touch the hearts of a few individuals, but also he was able to change the entire atmosphere of the school.

During my first few years at Andover High I experienced a cold and impersonal atmosphere. I don't believe that students enjoyed themselves or that teachers were teaching in the atmosphere that they were comfortable with. Within days of Mr. Robinson's first year as principal, the atmosphere at Andover High went through an entire transition.

Last October, when Mr. Robinson was sick, I wrote a letter to the *Townsmen* commenting on how wonderful it was to have a principal outside saying "hello" and putting a smile on everyone's face no matter what the weather was like. The atmosphere had become a more personal and friendly one that students felt welcome in. His office's open-door policy, where students were welcome to talk to him at virtually any time, helped students through many times.

Mr. Robinson gave a very generous

recommendation to the school that I am attending, because he knew how much I wished to attend this school. When I was accepted, his face lit up, because he knew that it is where I belonged. He was very interested in me succeeding, and wanted me to keep him posted on how I was doing this year. I was greatly looking forward to fall break this year, simply because I wanted to drop in and tell him how well school was going. Two days ago I was informed that Mr. Robinson passed away. This was very upsetting news to me. All I could think of was everything he had said in the last year that impacted me so greatly. It would take a novel to list all of them. Not only was he the epitome of what an educator should be, Mr. Robinson was a friend, a role model and an inspiration to us all.

As last year's student body president, I think it is appropriate for me to speak for all of last year's student body and say that he will be missed greatly. He will hold a great spot in all of our hearts.

Matt Spitzer  
AHS Class of '99

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## Pre-life ...

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remember, they have been the center of the universe. The first day of kindergarten when they got on the bus, mom and dad were there with the camera. Mom was crying, dad was choked up, and the bus driver gave them all kinds of time to find a seat.

Then, year after year, their parents and close relatives came to their soccer games, their ballet and music recitals, their school plays and concerts, applauding wildly even when their performances were marginal or worse. They accumulated a closet full of trophies, basically just for showing up. They made the honor roll without breaking a sweat. They had a whole cadre of adults wringing their hands over whether they had an adequate self image.

They got away with complaining about what a tough life they had, and how stressful all that academic pressure was, all while coasting through year after year with about 15 weeks of vacation or more, plus a host of holidays.

But then classes begin in the final year of college, and suddenly, reality bites. They look at a paycheck from a part-time job, and realize for the first time how what a vast gulf there is between what they supposedly make and what they actually take home.

"I thought I was supposed to make 300 bucks," a college senior I know well said to me, an air of desperation creeping into his voice.

I looked at his pay stub.

"You did," I gently told him. "At least you started with that much."

"How can they take this much out?" he protested.

"Ah," I told him. "I can see you're already suffering from what our

political leaders call a lack of compassion. And you haven't even started looking at deductions for health coverage."

They call friends who are a couple of years older, wanting to start making plans for semester break. You know, stuff like skiing in Colorado.

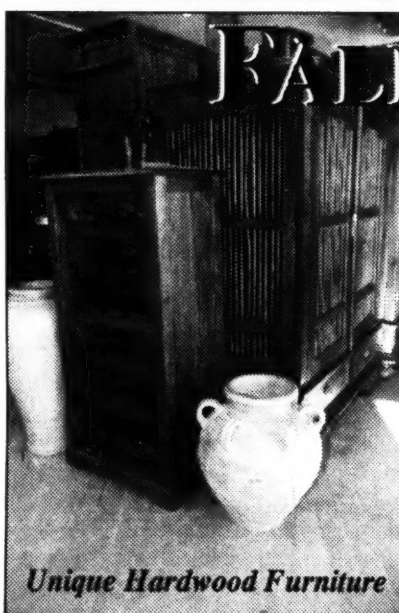
"Nate can't go. He has to work," my collegiate acquaintance told me. "I can't believe it. He only gets two weeks off a year. THE WHOLE YEAR."

"Don't worry," I told him, with a paternal smile. "After you work for 15 or 20 years at the same place, you can actually get as much as four weeks a year."

I think that's what produced the other clear evidence of the pre-life crisis. About a week ago, when I visited him, I saw a few grad school catalogs lying around.

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# Education



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**Head start** — Rachel Mattison, entering first grade at West Elementary School this week, wrote a book to bring to her new teacher, Mary-Beth Smith. Mattison was elated to receive a letter from her teacher before school started, inviting her and her parents, James and Joanne Mattison, to meet the teacher before the first day of school. Her first-grade year will include "creating stories and reading about exciting places and interesting people," the letter read.

## School Committee adjusts, approves specifics on proposed school complex

By Rebecca Lipchitz

It took more than two hours of discussion and much confusion over what they were voting on, before School Committee members approved educational specifications for two new schools proposed for west Andover.

After a reconsideration of a vote, committee members voted 4-1 to approve specifications for a middle school for 450 students and an elementary school for 564 students.

The vote approved the specifications outlined by architects Symmes, Maini & McKee Associates, with two additional classrooms for the elementary school, three additional classrooms for the middle school, conversion of three middle-school team rooms to regular classrooms, and reduction of the middle-school gym from 8,700 square feet to 7,500 square feet — the same size as the gym in use at West Middle School.

The vote did not change the number of students each school would be designed to hold.

Committee member say they need to build schools flexible enough to allow changes in the educational program over the next 10 years, even though they cannot predict what those changes would be.

They anticipate the possible formation of an all-day kindergarten program and a new world language requirement at the elementary level, and a phasing out of dual-certification for middle school teachers, making it harder to find teachers who are qualified to teach more than one subject, creating the need to hire more teachers.

Committee member Tim McCarron opposed the motion because he did not believe the gym's size should be reduced to save money, when other options for saving space had not been considered.

Earlier in the evening, committee members passed the same motion without a reduction in gym space by a 3-2 vote, with McCarron and Dick Collins dissenting.

While architects told committee members that the educational specifications are general guidelines, and that the square footage approved is a maximum amount that can be negotiated within spaces or reduced with a vote later in the design process, members continued to discuss the size of the middle-school gym in relation to the cost of the overall project.

Adding a total of five classrooms to the proposed complex of two schools at 164,000 square feet would be about \$1.1 million, 60 percent of which would be reimbursed by the state.

By reducing the size of the gym proposed for the middle school from 8,700 square feet to 7,500 square feet, the additional space would cost more than \$700,000 that would be reimbursed.

Members confused about what specifically was included in the vote discussed the issue at length, until member Skip Eccles called for the vote to be reconsidered, and Collins amended the motion to include a reduction in gym size.

After the 4-1 to approve the plan with a smaller gym at the middle school, committee member Tina Girdwood asked the committee to vote again, in hopes of making it unanimous, for the sake of presenting a united front in garnering community support for the project.

McCarron, the lone dissenting vote, said he does not oppose the educational specifications, other than the reduction in gym size.

"I disagree vehemently with reducing the size of the gym. I didn't see anything about reducing space in other areas. I'm not against this program, but you're asking me to agree with you about the gym and I don't. I have a right to disagree," he told Girdwood.

Girdwood's motion did not receive a second.

The School Building Committee will hold a third community meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 at Memorial Hall Library.

## Bancroft wins grant to teach AlphaSmarts statewide

The lighthouse light has come around to shine on the Bancroft School again, this time in an award of \$40,000 to teach other schools how to use portable word processors for any subject in any grade.

Four Bancroft teachers — Ellen Moakler, Elsie Wu, Bill Scanlon and Sally Magner — brought AlphaSmart word processors into their classrooms on a Lighthouse Technology Grant, and have since expanded the program

and found ways to use the word processors in almost any class.

Before the Bancroft group was awarded their professional development grant, they taught more than 30 teachers in Andover how to use the portable word processors in the town's "Writing Across the Curriculum" program.

With the help of a grant, they will now instruct other teachers across the state in how to use the program in

their school.

The grant for the professional development was awarded to 40 of the 111 applicants in the state, O'Brien says.

The professional development, available to teachers across the state from Andover teachers who have been using the word processors in their classroom, will come through several programs, says Bancroft Assistant Principal Brenda O'Brien.

The grant will fund Special Interest

Group training sessions open to teachers statewide through the Massachusetts Computer Using Educators program (MassCUE), O'Brien says.

The four Andover teachers will also be training teachers from three local school districts — Westford, Lowell and Lawrence — in the word processing program as part of a "mentor trainer" program, O'Brien says.

According to O'Brien, who wrote the grant, Lighthouse Technology

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## New grant for Bancroft

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grant money in the past has been used to buy six sets of 25 word processors.

Half of the professional development grant is expected to be spent on publicizing the program to teachers across the state and on Andover teachers to teach them, she says. The other half would be spent on more equipment to train the teachers who want to learn the program.

One reason Andover teachers have so many ways to use portable word processors in the curriculum is the flood of ideas from their colleagues.

All 34 of the Andover teachers trained in AlphaSmarts were required to bring back to the group an original way of using the program in the classroom, O'Brien says.

The effort also coordinated with the Bancroft mission to incorporate writing in every discipline to help students prepare for open-ended questions on state MCAS tests.

Teacher Sally Wagner was known to use the word processors to have students write about math.

"On the first day of school, I began using them in third grade. The kids didn't want to put them

away," she says.

Teachers say the portable word processors help students focus their thoughts on writing more than computers do, because the word processing units don't have the bells and whistles a computer program does, like changeable fonts and style options.

When the text is transferred to a computer, it can be stylized, teachers say, but the bare-bones function of the word processor keeps students thinking about content over style, without getting bogged down in making editing changes by hand.

Scanlon says teachers may be surprised at how the units simplify the process of students' work, rather than complicating it like some other technologies do.

"It's actually a time saver," he says.

Magner says her students are not only writing more, but producing better work.

Scanlon experienced the same, he says.

"Increased volume isn't necessarily better, but more practice (writing) is better," he says.

Scanlon has used AlphaSmart in social studies lessons, Magner in math classes and Wu in English language arts.

—Rebecca Lipchitz

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## ON CAMPUS

Four students from Andover received degrees from Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt., at May 10 commencement exercises.

**Brian Patrick Morrissey**, son of Genee and Bernard Morrissey and a graduate of Andover High School, received a bachelor's degree in English literature.

**Shannon Christine McNabb**, daughter of Olimbia and John McNabb and a graduate of Pingree School, received a bachelor's degree in psychology.

**Tracie Ann Grant**, daughter of Kathleen and William Grant and a graduate of Andover High School, received a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

**Lisa Ann Buonaugurio**, daughter of Pamela and Angelo Buonaugurio and a graduate of Andover High School, received a bachelor's degree in psychology.

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UMass Lowell students from Andover received departmental awards for academic and service excellence at commencement ceremonies held at the Tsongas Arena.

**Marybeth McGinn** received the Coburn Award for Professional Excellence in Teaching for Secondary Mathematics Education from the Graduate School of Education. The award, named in memory of Frank Coburn, the first principal of the Lowell Normal School, honors a graduating student who has demonstrated truly outstanding qualities of teaching effectiveness.

**L. Patrick Trainor** received the Service Award from the mathematics department.

**Malia C. Gargiula** received the Distinguished Academic Achievement Award from the English Department.

**Diana H. Tisbert** received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the philosophy department.

**Jason Bellorado** received the Dirko Scholarship from the electrical and computer engineering department.

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Hewlett-Packard Co. awarded college scholarships totaling \$34,000 to 17 high school seniors whose parents are employed at its Andover site through the company's annual scholarship program.

**Matthew Schrader**, son of Paul Schrader of 8 Black Birch Way, has been awarded a \$2,000 college scholarship from Hewlett-Packard Co. Employees' Scholarship Organization.

The 1999 Andover High School graduate will major in international business at University of Maryland.

Each year, the scholarship fund provides awards to children or dependents of HP employees who are graduating high school seniors. Award recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, educational objectives and participation in school activities.

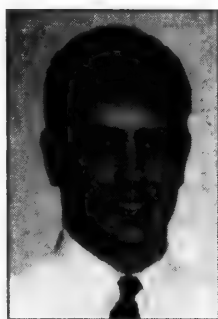
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**Mark Peikin** of Andover at student at Suffolk University Law School, was awarded an externship by the Suffolk University Law School Juvenile Justice Center in Chelsea. The externships are awarded to students who distinguish themselves by showing special commitment and interest in representing children charged in juvenile delinquency matters.

Peikin is externing in the public defender office in Miami, Fla. He will work on the Social Education Advocacy Project and Sentencing Advocacy Project, reviewing case files and interviewing youths in the detention center, with an eye to monitoring the treatment of youths charged as adults under Florida's recent-

ly enacted law requiring treatment of juveniles as adults.

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**David A. Nichols**

Nichols is the son of Arthur and Pamela Nichols.

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**Jeannette Paull**, of 1 Virginia Road, will participate in the fall term abroad program at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

The 1997 Andover High School graduate will study French language and culture in Rennes, France.

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**Jacqueline Orent** of Andover received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Regis College in Weston on May 15.

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**Lani Radack**, daughter of Monte and Alice Radack of Wyncrest Circle, has earned highest honors during the spring semester at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Highest honors are awarded for a quality point ratio of 3.67 or more from a possible 4.0.

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North Shore Community College in Danvers announced the following Andover students are on the dean's list for the spring semester: **Michael C. Barry**, a physical therapist assistant major; **Shawn Cummings**, a nurse education major; and **Donna M. Orben**, a medical office support certificate major.

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**Kathleen McCumber**, daughter of Robert and Lesley McCumber of 23 Arundel St., was awarded the Joseph H. Ellinwood Nursing Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 by the American Legion, Department of Massachusetts. McCumber is a freshman in the Boston College School of Nursing.

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**George Loukatos**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Loukatos of 7 Golden Oak Lane, was awarded a doctor of medicine degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., during May 15 commencement.

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Andover residents **Andrew Scott Henderson** and **Sarah Payne Muller** received certificates of achievement for being named to the dean's list at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., for the spring semester.

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**Brian LaFranchi**, son of Larry and Christine LaFranchi of Andover and a member of the class of 1999, earned highest honors during the spring semester at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

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**Tigist Graham** of Andover, a visual design/graphic design/letterform major, was

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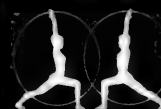


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# LOCAL SCHOLARS

**Fordy Sinkinson** and **Andrew Everett**, freshmen at Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., have been named to the fourth-quarter honor roll, posting an academic average of better than 85.

Sinkinson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. Sinkinson, and Everett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Everett, also took part in the campus-wide student jobs program and played on the junior varsity baseball team.

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Two Andover students graduated from Shore Country Day School in Beverly. They are **Wess Cohen**, who will attend Brooks School, and **Brian Kar-**

**funkel**, who will attend Phillips Academy.

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**Daniel Sciabarrasi**, son of James and Judith Sciabarrasi of Andover, was named to the high honor roll at Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School in Waltham.

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The following Andover students have been recognized for their academic achievement in the second semester at Pingree School in South Hamilton: **Heather Foster**, daughter of Mark Engleberg and Susan Foster; **Christina O'Neill**, daughter of Stephen and Mary O'Neill; **Rebecca Hellmann**,

daughter of Joel and Brenda Hellmann; **Aaron Nossiff**, son of John Nossiff and Gabrielle Hager; and **Dana Swartz**, daughter of Howard and Beth Swartz, were named to the honor roll. **David Mayer**, son of Ralph and Sandy Mayer, and **Matthew Santos**, son of Arthur and Kimberly Santos, were named to the headmaster's list.

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Andover High School students **Dorothy Stowe** and **Stephen Liu** have been nominated for the sixth annual Wendy's High School Heisman Award. The national awards program, created by Wendy's,

the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Downtown Athletic Club of New York City, recognizes academic achievement, community service and athletic accomplishments of high schools.

The following accomplishments earned Stowe and Liu their nomination:

Dorothy Stowe ranked No. 1 in her junior class at Andover High School, is a member of National Honor Society and scored in the 99th percentile on her National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Exams. She is a member of the Recycling Club and is planning to study environmental sciences at college. Stowe served two summers as youth leader in the Youth Conservation Corps at Yellowstone Park working to improve environmental conditions. She also competes on the varsity ski team, track team and cross-country team and plays flute in the Marching Band.

Stephen Liu is a member of National Honor Society, Math Team, Science Team, varsity soccer and lacrosse teams and Junior Career Mentorship Program. He has obtained high honors throughout high school and ranked 16th in the junior class with a 3.61 GPA.

Principals at the nation's estimated 23,000 high schools were invited to nominate one male and one female student-citizen-athlete for the competition. Entries will be evaluated by the scholastic review service, CTB/McGraw-Hill, to narrow the field to 1020 state award finalists and soon to 102 state award winners, including the District of Columbia.

A panel of judges, including past Heisman Memorial Trophy recipients and education, business and community leaders, will review the state award-winners and name 12 national finalists, one male and one female representing six geographic regions.

Each national finalist will be invited to participate in the Heisman Memorial Trophy weekend festivities at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City Dec. 9-12. One male and one female will then be selected as the national winners and honored during the Heisman Memorial Trophy national telecast Saturday, Dec. 11, on ESPN.

The awards presentation will be made by Wendy's founder, Dave Thomas, and program spokesperson Archie Griffin, the only two-time Heisman Memorial Trophy winner and current associate athletic director at Ohio State University, and Dr. Gerald Tirozzi, the executive director of the NASSP.

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**Matthew Konjoian**, a senior at Andover High School, attended the Brandeis Summer Odyssey Program at Brandeis University from July 11 through Aug. 7.

Odyssey is a four-week residential program where motivated and enthusiastic high school students are selected to take courses and complete research projects in numerous areas of the arts and sciences.

The course and research projects are custom-designed for students participating in the program. In addition, the resi-

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## Flair for numbers: Doherty seventh-grader honored for perfect 800 on Math SAT

Hundreds of students from Massachusetts were honored for their exceptional academic talents. The Johns Hopkins University's Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth recognized young people in grades 5 through 8 for extraordinary achievement.

These children participated in Hopkins' annual Talent Search, the oldest and largest pre-college academic talent search in the world, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

**Scott Silverstein**, the son of Leslie and David Silverstein of Burton Farm Drive, has always had a mind for math, according to his parents.

From learning to add and subtract as a toddler, to knowing square roots as a preschooler, to finishing 10th grade Algebra 2 as a seventh-grader at Doherty Middle School, 13-year-old Scott has always had a flair for numbers, say his parents.

Scott has won math competitions individually and been on the undefeated Doherty Math Team and the Math Counts team that advanced to the state championships.

His most outstanding accomplishment to date, however, is scoring a perfect 800 on the Math SAT that he took as a 12-year-old in January.

He was the only seventh-grader in Massachusetts to achieve this distinction. Scott was honored Saturday, June 12, at a ceremony at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore for being one

of only seven other seventh-graders in the country to score an 800 on the Math SAT test.

Students received SAT state awards at the 1999 Celebration of Talent at Boston College the following day, Sunday, June 13.

Scott received recognition for being first place in the Commonwealth in math. He also received a cash award and a one-course scholarship at Merrimack College.

Scott has taken advantage of the opportunities that the Johns Hopkins Gifted and Talented Programs offer. For two summers in a row, he has participated in its summer residential program at a college in another state.

This summer he studied computer programming at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

He also studies accelerated math through Johns Hopkins Distance Learning Program and participates in the Study of Exceptional Talent (SET) at Johns Hopkins.

While Scott enjoys academics, particularly math and computers, his other interests are, varied. He is an accomplished pianist, and plays the clarinet, keyboard and is in the Doherty Handbell Choir.

He is also in a ska band, called Wasabi, with three friends. Scott loves to ski in the winter and is a First Class Scout in Boy Scout Troop 76.

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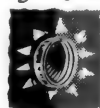


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# ON CAMPUS

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named to the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth dean's list for the spring semester.

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**Lisa Galluzzo**, daughter of Joseph and Betty Galluzzo and a graduate of Phillips Academy, was named to the dean's list at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, for the spring 1999 semester.

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**Erin Kathleen Fitzpatrick** of 3 Barbara Lane was named to the 1999 spring semester dean's list at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa.

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Eight Andover residents received degrees from Fitchburg State College at its 103rd commencement exercises. They are: **Cynthia M. Carlson**, BS, nursing; **Jane T. Russell**, MED, education, secondary; **Jeffrey C. Phelps**, MS, criminal justice professional studies; **John N. Lavoie**, MED, occupational education; **Kristina M. McCarthy**, BSED, education, early childhood; **Lyra Adine Dunaway**, BS, computer information systems; **Mary A. Hartwell**, MED, special education, teach child special needs; **Sharon M. Ahern**, MED, education, secondary.

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Two students from Andover graduated from Elon College

in North Carolina during May 22 commencement exercises.

**David Christopher Charland**, son of Gail and Robert Charland, received a degree in business administration.

**Amy Martha Wilkins**, daughter of Richard and Camille Wilkins, graduated with a degree in music theater.

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**Julia Bernice Conn**, daughter of Ileen S. and Alex Paul Conn of Andover, has been named a University Scholar at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Va., in the 1999-2000 academic year. The 1999 Andover High School graduate was selected on the basis of academic ability, creativity and individualism.

The University Scholar award is one-half tuition and renewable annually for eight semesters of undergraduate study at the university.

The value of the award for the 1999-2000 academic year is \$9,670.

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**Tara Coppola**, daughter of Sandra Coppola of Methuen, formerly of Andover, graduated from the University of New England in Portland, Maine, with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Coppola was a peer tutor and involved

in student government and P.E.A.C.E. She is a registered nurse at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell.

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Two Andover students have been awarded a degree from Connecticut College in New London, Conn., at its 81st commencement ceremony, held May 29.

**Johanna Ailene Gordon** of 25 Bateson Drive has been awarded a BA, summa cum laude, with honors/distinction in psychology and with distinction in Hispanic studies.

**Sarah Kim Weir** of 56 Wildwood Road has been awarded a BA, cum laude, with distinction in English.

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**Jamie B. Cistoldi**, daughter of Ralph and Nan Cistoldi of 31 Knollcrest Drive, was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., for outstanding academic achievement during the 1999 spring semester.

A student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

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Boston University awarded academic degrees to the following Andover residents: **Matthew P. Bevacqua**, BFAT in technical production, cum laude; **Jeffrey D. Brooks**, MBAMS in business administration and management, high honors; **Rachel M. Buonopane**, BS in health studies; **Katherine Darlington**, EdD in developmental studies; **Thomas R. Dussault**, JD in law; **Turuvekere R.**

**Gururaja**, MBA in business administration and management; **Richard J. Henley**, MBA in business administration and management; **Katherine E. Reilly**, BA in art history, summa cum laude with distinction; **Edward Schoen**, MS in computer information systems; **Francis X. Singleton**, MBA in business administration and management; **Kimberly Sullivan**, PhD in behavioral neurosciences; **Emily K. Winters**, BS in bilingual education, summa cum laude.

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**Deborah Barry** of Andover graduated from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va., at May 20 commencement exercises on the Jordan Wheat Lambert Historic Campus.

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**Edward J. Buscema**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Buscema of 20 Lincoln St., and **Scott F. Thompson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson of 2 Belle Haven Drive, have been named to the dean's list at Assumption Col-

lege in Worcester for the 1999 spring semester.

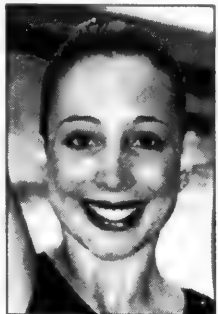
Buscema, a member of the class of 2000, intends to major in theology. Thompson is in the class of 2002.

**Eileen Sweeney**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney of 44 Brookfield Road, and **Karen B. Castignoli**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Castignoli of 19 Brown St., received degrees in social and rehabilitation services from Assumption College.

Sweeney graduated cum laude. \*\*\*  
**Alison Mebane Yoder**, daughter of Drs. John and Maureen Yoder of Andover, graduated from Hyde School in Bath, Maine. Yoder is attending Goucher College in the fall.

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The following Andover residents received degrees at the 31st commencement of the University of Massachusetts Boston on June 5: **Leah J. Bernstein**, BA; **Fen-**

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# LOCAL SCHOLARS

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dential atmosphere of the program encourages the building of relationships between students from across the nation and around the world. Numerous off-campus activities are planned to provide a balance of academic and social opportunities in the program.

Konjoian has also been selected as a member of the *Who's Who Among American*

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**Alyssa Saunders** of 2 Stouffer Circle, a member of the class

of 2000 at Andover High School, was one of only 160 students from around the world selected to participate in a leadership program for outstanding high school students.

While attending the National Student Leadership Conference on International Law & Diplomacy, Saunders had the opportunity to explore and experience the world of political decision-making and international conflict resolution.

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## ON CAMPUS

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**hua Chang**, MBA; **Jeanne Marie Moose**, MA; **Matthew Paul Keamy**, MBA; and **Sheena Antoinette Stack**, MS.

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The following Andover residents were awarded degrees by Tufts University during its May 23 commencement on the Medford campus.

**Kimberly Highland Schelling** of Avery Lane received a bachelor of science degree. She graduated with honors magna cum laude in biology and honors

magna cum laude in history.

**Rebecca Ann Gordon** of 16 Belknap Drive received a bachelor of arts degree with honors cum laude in economics.

**Anthony John Correnti** of 10 Tilton Lane received a bachelor of science degree with honors cum laude in biology.

\*\*\*

The following Andover students were named to the dean's list at Tufts University: **Taliser R. Avery** of Phillips Academy, **Rebecca Ann Gordon** of 16 Belknap Drive, **Colin W. MacNaughton** of 111 Reservation Road, **Adam J. Tober** of 219 Holt Road, **Michael S. Kaufman** of 6 Jefferson Lane, **Melissa A. Beede** of 9 Ruggiero Way, **Hieu D. Nguyen** of 9

**Hitchcock Farm Road, Jocelyn A. Robinson** of 17 High St., **Julie B. Litzenger** of 8 Alison Way, **Ellen H. Hsu** of 7 David Drive, **Nicole D. Bolliger** of 3 Inwood Lane, **Kathryn E. O'Donnell** of 50 Sagamore Drive.

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The following Andover students in Syracuse University's School of Architecture were named to the dean's list for the 1999 spring semester: **Aaron Bancroft** of 43 Balmoral St., a fourth-year student; and **Adam Charron** of 2 Sandelwood Lane, a second-year student.

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**Aaron Stuart** of Andover, who received an associate in science degree

in automotive technology from Franklin Institute of Boston this year, will enroll in Franklin's Two Plus Two bachelor of science degree program in automotive technology management in September.

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Andover High School graduates **Kendra McDade** and **Amy Henderson** were named to the dean's list at Smith College in Northampton for the 1998-99 school year.

McDade is the daughter of Evy and Michael McDade. Henderson, a women's studies major, is the daughter of Elisabeth Henderson.

The dean's list recognizes students with grade-point averages of 3.333 or above.



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## Elementary schools

**Monday:** Chef's salad with roll, baked chicken nuggets, cheese pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday:** Two taco Tuesday, hot dog on a bun, chicken McSchool, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with salad, baked chicken nuggets, cheese dippers with marinara sauce, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Thursday:** Big Mac sub with lettuce and tomato, cheeseburger with fries, cheese pizza, vegetable, fruit, Jell-O, milk.

**Friday:** Pizza stick with soft pretzel, baked chicken nuggets, chef's choice, vegetable, fruit, milk.

## Middle schools

**Monday:** Chef's salad with roll, baked chicken nuggets, stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday:** Two taco Tuesday, two hot dogs on a bun, chicken McSchool, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with salad, baked chicken nuggets, stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Thursday:** Big Mac sub with lettuce and tomato, cheeseburger with fries, cheese dippers with marinara sauce, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Friday:** Chicken, broccoli and ziti, baked chicken nuggets, stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Peanut butter and jelly/Fluff available daily.

## Secondary schools

**Monday:** Chicken fajitas with rice, pasta with marinara sauce, cold cut sub with toppings, stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday:** Two taco Tuesday, pasta with marinara sauce, cold cut sub with toppings, bakery pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday:** Baked ham with potato and corn, pasta with marinara sauce, cold cut sub with toppings, stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Thursday:** Fishwich sandwich with coleslaw, pasta with marinara sauce, cold cut sub with toppings, bagel pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

**Friday:** Two hot dogs with vegetarian beans, pasta with marinara sauce, cold cut sub with toppings, stuffed crust pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

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Class will be held Wednesdays, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13 and 20 from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. at the Youth Services office on the third floor of Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., and Thursdays, Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, and 21, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the third floor of the School Administration Building.

Preregistration is required. Call **Pat MacElhane**y at 475-8282 by Sept. 17.

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Students and parents are invited to **Kaplan's** free orientation on the SAT and PSAT workshop at **Andover High School** on Shawsheen Road on Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Topics will include competitive test scores, college admissions and test-taking strategies. Each family will receive a free *Newsweek/Kaplan How to Get into College* guide.

For more information and to reserve a seat, call 1-800-KAP-TEST.

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**College Coach**, a Newton-based company with a business-like approach to applying to school, will offer a workshop series at **Pike School** Thursdays, through Oct. 10.

Classes will also be held Oct. 12, 14, 19, 21, 28 and Nov. 4, and Nov. 9, 11, 16, 18, 30, and Dec. 7.

Each area of the college admissions process will be discussed, everything but the SAT. The program costs \$699. For more information, call (617) 527-4441.

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Registration for **Girl Scouts** for girls in grades kindergarten through 12th grade who have never been in Scouts will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in the downstairs hall of **St. Augustine Church**. Organizers from local schools will be available to answer questions. For more information, call **Spar and Spindle Girl Scout Council** at 689-8015.

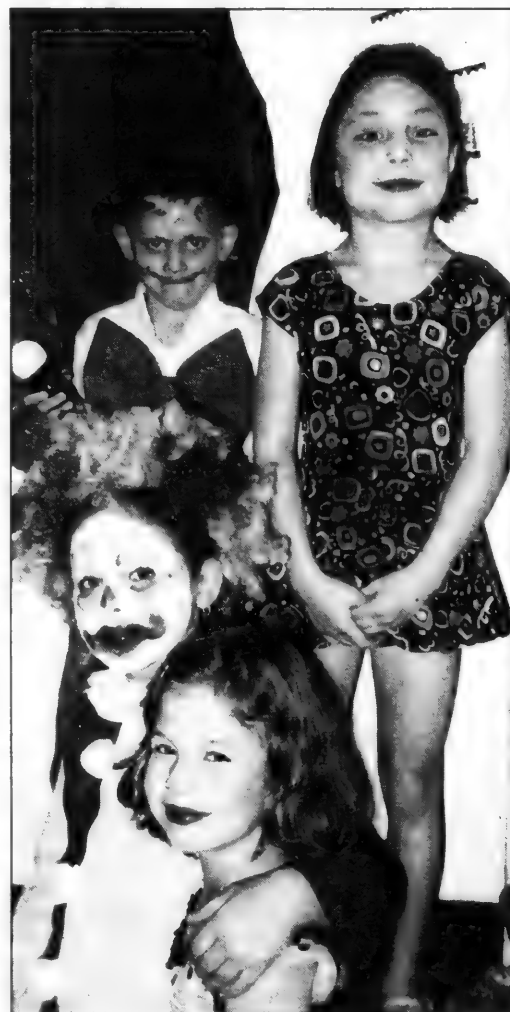
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Andover sign-ups for **Tiger Cubs** and **Cub Scouts** are scheduled as follows:

**Cub Scout Pack 73**, serving **Bancroft School**, will hold sign-ups Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Bancroft School Cafeteria.

**Cub Scout Pack 75**, serving

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◀Circus time at the YMCA - Children in the Andover/North Andover YMCA's Summer Vacation Club recently put on a circus show for parents and staff members. Pictured (kneeling, from right) are Ashley Castillo and Isabella Zengotita; back row (from left), are Patrick McGinn and Olivia Johnson. The children designed the sets and costumes for the song and dance show. All the children are age 6 and live in Andover.

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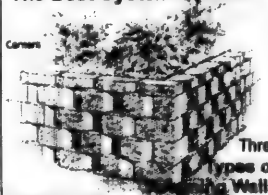
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# News

**Outgoing selectman looks back, ahead**

## Larsen: with six months to go, a big push

By Neil Fater

It's after 5 p.m. on the Friday of Labor Day weekend, and child psychologist and Selectman Larry Larsen is hanging up his office phone, visibly concerned about one of his patients.

"I can get riled up when I think injustices are being done to kids," he says.

But as Larsen ends his third and final term as a selectman, does he still feel the same passion when addressing town issues?

"Some town issues," he says, "but I get more upset about things happening to kids."

Perhaps that's why, as Larsen approaches his last six months in office (he has said he will not seek reelection), he admits to feeling "bored" during some meetings, and is focusing his energy on a handful of significant projects.

For instance, Larsen has gathered a group of private citizens who hope to raise enough money to build an Andover youth center on town-owned land.

Despite some influential opposition, Larsen is also calling for the first sweeping review of Andover's town charter since it was created in the late 1950s. When the town created the charter, it marked one of this century's most significant changes to Andover.

Asked about such actions, Larsen concedes that he realizes his time as a selectman is growing short, and that he soon won't have the same leverage to encourage action.

"There is nothing like not running again to make you increasingly honest. I would never say I was dishonest, but there is something that makes you more discreet than when you know you're not running again," says Larsen. "I may be a touch more bold."

And, conceivably, a touch more outspoken.

For openers, Larsen indicates that he doesn't believe town government provides enough leadership on key issues.

"What I have seen is a basically reactive government. Issues float to the top, and then they're discussed by a committee," he says. "You wonder, 'Where's the beef?' and there isn't much."

"Over the nine years, I've had considerable frustration with the fact that government has failed to move," he says. "Government has not seen that its task is to build. Perhaps that's the Board of Selectmen's (fault)."

But he's not just blaming the board. As he has in the past, Larsen takes aim at Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

Larsen has been a frequent critic of Stapczynski's leadership throughout the manager's tenure, but during the

past year that criticism was muted. After calling for Stapczynski's head in 1997, Larsen didn't even push for a town manager evaluation this past year.

However Larsen now seems ready to blast away at Stapczynski again.

Larsen says paid town officials such as the manager should have provided more leadership in the efforts to build both a senior center and a youth center.

"Selectmen are the philosophical, direction people, the dreamers, the legislative body who say, 'Yes,' and 'No.' They have a symbolic role," says Larsen.

"The role of the manager is to manage. Not coordinate, not facilitate, manage."

However, others, including Town Moderator Jim Doherty, disagree with Larsen, and say selectmen should be the ones leading the charge on such issues. Doherty says the town has a good manager in Stapczynski, but selectmen haven't given him enough direction.

"The selectmen are the representatives of the people, and they should set the agenda. (The town manager) comes in to do their bidding," says Doherty. "Selectmen should evaluate him based on what they have laid out for him to do."

### Youth push

While it would seem to be at odds with his stated belief that selectmen are only "philosophical leaders," Larsen is taking more of a direct lead in working to create a youth center. He admits this is partly because of his dissatisfaction with the leadership on the senior center project, and partially because he has only a few months left until he is off the board.

"I do have that feeling. I do want to see what I can get done (before I go),"



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Larsen — "All these things we dream about will come. I just wish they'd come sooner."**

***'The selectmen are the representatives of the people, and they should set the agenda.'***

**Town Moderator James Doherty**

he says. Larsen also says he will continue to work to raise money for a youth center after he is off the board.

But there is no indication that the other selectmen agree with Larsen that the center should be built on town-owned land, nor has he made a point of publicly seeking their support. Some may support the discussions by Jim Arnold and Stapczynski aimed at building a youth center on Merrimack College land.

On several recent votes, including a 30-year lease of Phillips Academy's Williams Hall for a senior, Larsen has found himself in the minority.

Larsen has also appeared less patient at meetings than he has in the

past. He says he gets bored "sitting for five hours in a meeting, listening to a replay of old ideas."

Larsen, who has as much experience as the rest of the board combined, also says he felt more kinship with previous boards of selectmen. While he lauds Lori Becker and Mary French for some of their ideas, he calls the current board "five people going in five different directions."

"I respect the present group, but I don't know them well. That's partly a function of age. I've been there a while, and this is a newer breed," he says.

### Leadership lapse?

But Larsen clearly blames the top paid town employees such as the town manager, rather than his fellow selectmen, for failing to get support for a youth center at the 1995 Town Meeting.

Larsen was one of the few officials to vote to build a youth center in 1995, when an article needing a two-thirds majority to create such a center failed by less than 70 votes. None of the other current selectmen were on the board at that time.

"I think our leadership failed us (in 1995). In terms of our presentation at Town Meeting, in terms of the energy," says Larsen.

"There wasn't even a good bulb in the projector that night. You couldn't even see the picture (of the proposed center). That's not the youths' fault."

Whose fault is it?

"Again, the top guys in town government. It's great to allow a committee to do something, but at some point ... the people who are paid to do it should say, 'Yes, let me do it.'"

And he insists selectmen should not bear the blame for the failure to create a youth center. "We're not paid for that. There's no way to do that. It's for the people who are paid to do it."

Although Larsen believes more could have been accomplished during his time in office, he says he's proud that Andover's seen new town departments such as youth services and citizen groups such as the Downtown Andover Neighborhood Association during his tenure. He also believes the town will end up with both a senior and a youth center.

But Larsen says the town needs to keep building and planning for the future. Town officials can't treat issues like the Ballardvale traffic problems as if they're itches that will go away if ignored.

"I'm tremendously optimistic," says Larsen. "All will come to pass. All these things we dream about will come. I just wish they'd come sooner."



# Robinson ...

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gle with liver cancer. He was 47.

## Being there

While Robinson began a 30-day leave of absence Aug. 22 to resume cancer treatment, he told staff at a meeting last week that he planned to greet students on the first day of school as he had every other day of

the school year he was able to attend.

"He was fighting hard for that," says his wife, Vicki Simms, principal of the West Middle School.

Simms says Robinson died at home with his wife and mother by his side.

Dunning, who attended the staff meeting last week, says a few were close to tears when they saw him.

When Robinson was diagnosed with liver cancer last October, just



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Welcome** — Among those lined up to greet AHS students as they returned from the summer holidays were (at left center) Assistant Superintendent Marinell McGrath, Superintendent Claudia Bach and the school's new interim principal Bruce MacDonald. Officials held an assembly to pay tribute to Larry Robinson.

a month into classes of his first year at the school, he decided to go public with his illness.

"He was very much an open man," Simms says, who supported him in his efforts to keep the public informed and help him stay connected to the school while undergoing treatments.

Students and teachers praised him for his openness and approachability.

"If I wanted to bring a horse to school, he'd say 'OK.' He always said 'yes' to things," Dunning says.

While Dunning praises his support for new ideas, teacher Fred Polgreen says despite his open nature, Robinson was no "softie."

"You didn't always get what you wanted, but at least you could talk to him," Polgreen says.

Polgreen, who has taught history at Andover High for 37 years, says he was ready to retire last June, but decided to stay on another year, inspired by Robinson and the improvements he made.

During the year, he worked with staff to develop a schedule, raise graduation requirements from 15 credits to 26 plus a community

service project, improve student counseling, and interdepartmental collaboration. He also began work on a mentoring program for new teachers.

While a letter from Andover Public Schools describes the changes Robinson made as "lasting improvements" to the school, students and teachers say it was his attitude that made the most difference.

"He turned the whole place around, just because of his attitude," says Polgreen, who has worked under many principals, "most of them good. But he (Robinson) was fabulous," Polgreen says.

Students agree that Robinson maintained his authority because students believed he truly cared about them, and was never "on a power trip," as one student says.

"He earned our respect. We appreciated him and what he was doing," says Jaclyn Gallant, a senior.

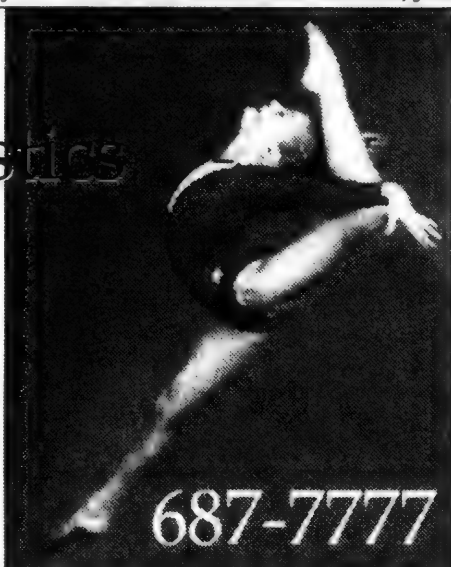
Senior Tricia Griffin says students honored Robinson's rules "to keep kids in line" because they respected him.

Senior Pete Edgerly says Robinson was one

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## He lived an educator's life

Larry Robinson, 47, principal of Andover High School, died at his home in Andover, Sunday, Sept. 5, after a year-long battle with liver cancer.

Mr. Robinson was known for his energetic lifestyle and open style of communication. During his year at Andover High School, he publicly announced his diagnosis of liver cancer shortly after the beginning of the 1998 school year. He also raised graduation requirements, put a new schedule in place, improved counseling programs and began work on a mentoring program for new teachers.

Mr. Robinson, a self-proclaimed "health nut," was also often seen biking in Andover. He also often traveled to Florida to visit family and spend time on some of his favorite beaches.

Born and educated in Brookline, Mr. Robinson graduated from Boston University, and went on to earn a Masters of Arts in Administration and Counseling from Lesley College in Cambridge, and take graduate courses at UMass Lowell. He also served as a member of the Principals Center at Harvard Graduate School in 1991.

He taught social studies and English at Lexington High School from 1975 to 1986 until he

became the school's activities coordinator. He also spent five years as director of Camp Tel Noar in Hempstead, N.H., an eight-week overnight camp, until 1988.

He was assistant principal at Lexington High School from 1988 to 1994 until he became principal of the Littleton Junior-Senior High School in 1994. He came to Andover High School in June 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Simms, of Andover, principal of the West Middle School. The couple had known each other for seven years before they were married in July 1997.

He is also survived by his stepson Jonathan Shaller, of Boston; his mother, Myrna Robinson of Boca Raton, Fla.; his father, Howard Robinson of Boynton Beach, Fla.; grandmother, Rita Golder of Delray Beach, Fla.; brother, Mark Robinson of Wayland; and nephews Andrew and Michael.

Graveside services were held Wednesday morning, and the family will hold a memorial observance at the home of Mark Robinson in Wayland through Friday at 4 p.m.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his memory to the Lawrence M. Robinson Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Andover High School, Andover MA 01810.



# Robinson ...

of the only adults he encountered who really listened to him.

"When I came to him with my problem, he didn't say 'Grow up. It's all you.' He really listened to me and helped me out. You could actually have a conversation with him. No one could ever fill his shoes," Edgerly says.

## A man of letters

One parent told the *Townsmen* last June that parents looked forward to reading Robinson's letters because they were substantive. Senior Hilary Kiley says one such letter was waiting for students on Tuesday morning. And there was another.

Simms says after her husband passed away, her mother-in-law was cleaning out files from Robinson's laptop computer before returning it to the school. One of the files she found was a letter to his wife, written before his surgery last October, but never sent to her.

"It came at a time when I needed it most, wondering 'Where am I going to go from here?'" Simms says.

## Constant energy

While Robinson was open with the public about his illness, he also maintained an energy level that rivaled some healthy people, colleagues say. His quick return to work after his first round of cancer treatments and energetic approach to presiding over AHS led many people, even those closest to him,



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

## Kellie Wallace — One of the school's greatest principals.

to believe he had more time to fight the disease.

"His vigor was so phenomenal, we all thought he had more time," says Brenda O'Brien, assistant principal of the Bancroft School.

Robinson was known for being on his feet, constantly greeting students, visiting classrooms, and simply being present at the school.

School Committee chairman Eric Nadworny described Robinson's tenure at AHS as comet-like — brightly shining, but too short-lived.

At an assembly of tenth, eleventh, and twelfth-graders just after homeroom period on the first day of school, interim Principal Bruce MacDonald was quick



## Polgreen — Robinson inspired him to stay another year.

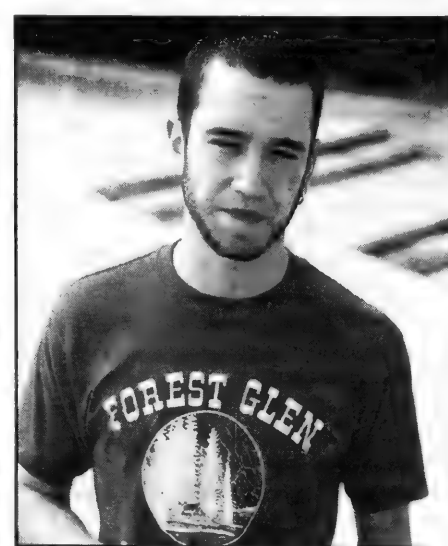
to note the darkness left where Robinson's light had been.

"I never knew someone could feel so lonely in a room of 1,000 people," MacDonald says, evoking a brief, low moan of despair from the crowd.

MacDonald said little, but that he has no plans to replace Robinson or try to fill his shoes, but simply to help Andover High School in its time of need.

In her address to students and staff at the high school Tuesday morning, Superintendent Bach asked students not to feel sad alone, but to talk about the loss with their friends, families and trusted adults.

She also asked students to take a cue from Robinson himself in dealing with the loss.



## Edgerly — You could actually have a conversation with him.

"Think how Larry would have looked at this day, the first day of a new school year. Think of how he was on the first day of school last year. Larry seemed to know only one speed — full speed ahead," Bach said.

She even added her best impression of Robinson's distinctive "Gooood morning!"

She quoted from *The Hero Within* by C.S. Pearson, a passage that defines a "hero" as one who has attained a strong sense of self and is fearlessly open with their values and beliefs. She cited this quality in Robinson, and his fight against cancer, as the mark of a hero.

"He is my hero, and I suppose for many of you, he's your hero too," Bach said.

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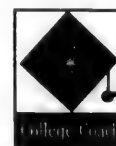
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## Fence ...

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Diane Derby, lives on the other side of Kravette.

The dispute between neighbors in the heart of the Ballardvale Historic District was the subject of a tense meeting of the commission last week, until commission members persuaded Raffi to seek mediation with neighbors before seeking a decision from the board.

Commission member Chuck Murnane told the neighbors he would rather see them mediate than vote on the proposal.

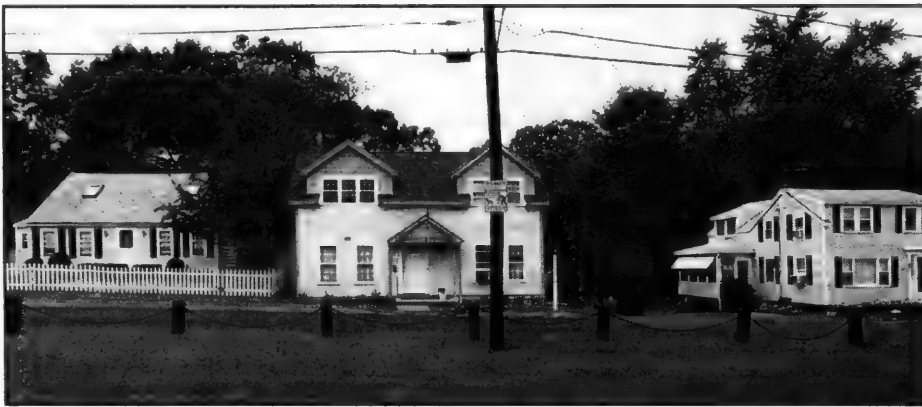
"If we vote tonight, the battle lines will be drawn. Just get together. Is there a way to make this happen?" he asked Raffi, who agreed after some deliberating.

Raffi was reluctant at first to allow the commission to continue the hearing on his fence proposal. He says that if it were approved, he would need enough time to put the fence up before the ground gets too cold.

Chairman Dennis Ingram agreed that mediation would be better than a vote. He said the 20-day appeal period, and likelihood that Raffi's proposal would be appealed, would probably prevent a permit from being issued on the fence before a frost anyway.

Raffi agreed to have his proposal continued, and try mediation, with the option to return before the commission Sept. 15 for a vote if the mediation doesn't seem to be working.

While discussions about the historic appropriateness of the type of fence Raffi proposed were held during the meeting, both Raffi and Kravette have other reasons for supporting or opposing such a



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

**The scene — Perry Raffi, whose home is in the center of the photo, wants to build a stockade fence that is opposed by neighbors on both sides. All three residents are members of the Ballardvale Historic District Commission. Below, Raffi is shown in a file photo, with his dog.**

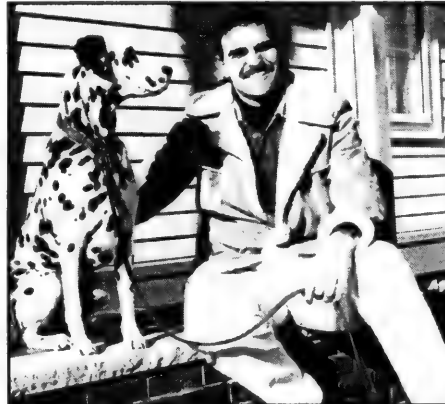
fence. "We're not arguing that the fence shouldn't be there. We're arguing that the eight-foot fence is unnecessary. It's going to look like the great wall of Ballardvale," says Michelle Kravette.

A portion of the fence would run along the back of the Kravettes' back yard, and block the view of Clark Brook. That view is one reason they chose their home, and part of why it cost as much as it did, they say.

Between their home and Clark Brook lies a stretch of Raffi's property that extends out along the back of several lots along Center Street. They also say the fence won't keep Raffi's dog out of their yard.

Raffi disagrees, and says that an eight-foot fence is not only like many other fences in the neighborhood, but necessary for his privacy.

While stockade fences are specifically



not recommended in the historic district bylaws, Raffi says an exception should be made in this case because it is the only kind of fence that could provide him privacy. Raffi who is 6 feet 9 inches tall, says a lower fence over which others could see him would not afford him enough privacy.

Raffi, a founding member of the BHDC, also seemed to feel his character as a neighbor was in question, and in support of his petition to erect a fence, included letters of character reference from past and present neighbors. But Ingram told Raffi and several neighbors in the audience who attended last week's meeting that discussions should only be about the fence, since the board could not address conflicts between neighbors.

While Kravette did not make any comments about the nature of Raffi's character as a neighbor at the meeting, he did charge members of the commission with conflict of interest.

He had complained prior to the meeting that Derby had never shown him a copy of Raffi's application for the fence, which he says he should have received as a member.

And at the meeting, he charged that Raffi had done some work for commission members, which resulted in favors.

"Perhaps at certain times there was not a quorum because (Raffi's) friends did not want there to be a quorum," he said.

That comment immediately upset commission members, one of whom left the room, and prompted a rebuke from Ingram.

"You are out of line," he said.

After a short recess later in the meeting, Kravette apologized to the board and asked them to understand that to a new member, "the appearance of impropriety exists to someone who doesn't know anyone."

The Kravettes moved to Andover more than six months ago. Ron Kravette joined the BHDC in late July.

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# POLICE LOG

## ARRESTS

Wednesday, Sept. 1 - At 2:24 a.m., Anthony Sfameni, 24, of 20 Young St., North Providence, R.I., was arrested on Route 125 and charged with failing to stay in marked lanes and driving without a license.

At 5:55 a.m., Anibal Lebron, 24, of 178 Bailey St., Lawrence, was arrested on Andover Street and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 6:12 a.m., Diogenes A. Horton, 28, of 22 Spruce St., Lawrence, was arrested on Andover Street and charged on a warrant for a payment default.

At 7:22 a.m., Gina M. Arroyo, 41, of 76 Memorial Circle, Andover, was arrested at home and charged on a warrant for failure to pay fines.

At 1:27 p.m., Kenneth P. Murphy, 41, of 13R Lee Road, Woburn, was arrested on Interstate 93 South and charged on a warrant for driving with a suspended license and speeding.

At 7:48 p.m., Penny L. Burnham, 29, of Farnham Street, Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street, charged on a warrant, and given citations for marked lanes

and seat belt violations.

At 9:37 p.m., after a man reported kids on Florence Street throwing things on people's lawns, a 16-year-old Andover boy was taken into protective custody.

Thursday, Sept. 2 - At 6:44 a.m., Rafael H. Jacome, 37, of 26 Arlington St., Lawrence, was arrested on Andover Street and charged on a warrant for a restraining order violation and threatening to commit a crime.

At 10:38 p.m., a 36-year-old Waltham man was taken into protective custody, after a report of an intoxicated person in Shawsheen Plaza.

Friday, Sept. 3 - At 1:23 p.m., Benjamin P. Lim, 30, of 4 Blueberry Hill Road, Andover, was arrested on Main Street and charged with driving with a revoked license, and wanton destruction of property worth more than \$250.

At 8:46 p.m., David Borgen, 18, of 83 Stearns Ave., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with being a minor transporting or carrying alcohol.

At 9:57 p.m., Ludin Peguy, 25, of 134 Orange St., Manchester, N.H., was arrested on Interstate 93 North and charged with

driving with a suspended license and speeding.

At 10:58 p.m., a few minutes after a sergeant spoke with a group at Deymond field on Chandler Road, officers again reported a gathering there. A 16-year-old Andover male was taken into protective custody.

Saturday, Sept. 4 - At 2:58 a.m., Stacey M. Abbott, 30, of 9 Sampson St., Methuen, was arrested on River Road and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, failing to stay in marked lanes and possessing mace without a permit.

At 7:17 a.m., Jose L. DeLossantos, 42, of 16 Sullivan Ave., Lawrence, was arrested on Old River Road and charged with attaching plates to and driving an uninsured and unregistered vehicle, driving with a suspended license, driving negligently so as to endanger, and failing to stop for police while driving.

Sunday, Sept. 5 - At 10:08 a.m., Ramon D. Guillermo, 20, 65 Shawsheen Road, Lawrence, was arrested in Shawsheen Plaza and charged on a warrant for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

At 10:41 a.m., Michael D'Avolio, 38, of 113 Jenkins Road, Andover, was arrested at his home after a 911 call was placed to the station. He was charged with assault and battery on a family member, resisting arrest and intimidation of a witness.

At 12:48 p.m., John J. Torres, 18, of 44 Farnham St., Lawrence, was arrested at Shawsheen Plaza after a call from a security member, and charged with shoplifting by price-tag tampering and shoplifting/concealing merchandise. A 16-year-old Lawrence female was also charged with shoplifting by price-tag tampering.

Tuesday, Sept. 7 - At 12:18 a.m., after a call about "a large fight" in front of the Park Street Pub, Patrick J. Gaffny, 19, of 15 Colgate Drive, North Andover, was arrested on Park Street and charged with being a minor transporting or carrying alcohol.

At 1:23 a.m., William G. Shea, 29, of 9 Shepley St., Andover, was arrested on Union Street and charged on a default warrant for trespassing.

At 11:47 a.m., Steven M. Collins Jr., 30, of 35 Fruit St., Lowell, was arrested on

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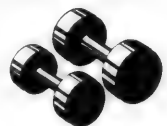
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## INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 1 - At 7:08 a.m., a restraining order was given in hand to an Andover man.

At 3:08 p.m., a Main Street caller reported having two shoplifters in his store. An officer transported three youths aged 14, 14 and 12 back to the station and contacted their parents.

At 11:39 p.m., a sergeant spoke with an Acropolis Circle man who said his dog is in a car in front of his address. The dog hit the lock button and the flashing light button inside the vehicle. "The dog will be inside the vehicle for the night, and the lights may be flashing in case a neighbor calls," said the log.

Thursday, Sept. 2 - At 1:57 a.m., a caller reported two youths on skateboards making noise in the parking lot near Doherty Middle School. An officer reported they had left prior to his arrival.

At 9:24 a.m., a Corbett Street caller reported a call about a person in a blanket sleeping in a nearby cemetery. An officer located the car of the person and sent the man on his way.

Saturday, Sept. 4 - At 12:06 p.m., an Andover resident reported her 20-year-old au pair had gone into Boston or Cambridge the previous afternoon with another au pair, and neither had returned. At 1:25 p.m., the woman called to say the au pair had returned and was fine.

At 12:23 p.m., an Andover woman called to request the animal control officer respond because of a skunk smell coming from one of her rooms. She felt a skunk might be trapped in one of her walls. The animal control officer told the caller "he doesn't believe the odor is from an animal."

At 2:53 p.m., a resident came into the station with a pair of glasses in a case that the person had found on Main Street.

Sunday, Sept. 5 - At 3:16 p.m., a Blanchard Street woman reported two loose cows in front of her house. An officer reported the cows were led back to their farm but were not secured.

Monday, Sept. 6 - At 2:19 p.m., a motorist reported a water or sewer problem on Highland road near the North Andover line, where water was coming up out of the street with "quite an odor to it." The water department was notified.

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## BREAKS

Monday, Sept. 6 - At 11:26 a.m., the owners of a Stevens Street flower shop reported finding that someone had broken into their store through the front glass door of their building. An officer reported that a break had also occurred over the weekend to a beauty shop in the same building. At 9:06 p.m., a person with a real estate office there reported the office broken into over the weekend.

Tuesday, Sept. 7 - At 7:45 a.m., a Railroad Street caller reported her business broken into through a rear window.

At 12:58 p.m., a Fleming Avenue caller reported being out of the house for about 90 minutes, and returning to find someone had broken into her house.

At 6:51 p.m., a Burton Farm Drive woman reported between 8:30 a.m. and noon someone had entered her home and taken some jewelry.

## THEFTS

Thursday, Sept. 2 - At 2:20 p.m., a School Street resident reported someone had tried to use his or her credit card number to buy two pair of sneakers worth more than \$300, and have them sent to New York.

Friday, Sept. 3 - At 12:53 p.m., a Wildwood Road man reported a watch missing from his home some time after he had people there cleaning his carpets the previous day. An officer reported the incident was a possible theft of a \$6,000 watch.

Saturday, Sept. 4 - At 11:14 a.m., a Maple Avenue resident reported finding all her jewelry gone. The last time she saw it was Wednesday of that week. A detective responded, and an officer reported that several items of jewelry were taken from an upstairs bedroom with no sign of forced entry. The items were valued in excess of \$10,000.

Sunday, Sept. 5 - At 9:38 a.m., a Ramada Inn employee off Lowell Street requested an officer for a guest whose purse was stolen.

Monday, Sept. 6 - At 4:30 p.m., a woman came into the station to report her husband's cellular phone was either lost or stolen on Cape Cod Sept. 3.

Tuesday, Sept. 7 - At 7:59 p.m., an officer was to file on checks stolen from an Elm Street location.

## AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Sept. 2 - At 6:21 p.m., a man reported that the car he left on Main Street was missing.

Friday, Sept. 3 - At 10:42 a.m., a Locke Street resident reported someone broke into her car during the night and stole her radio.

At 12:32 p.m., a man at Grandview Terrace reported someone had taken the handicap plate from his vehicle.

At 6:19 p.m., an officer was to file a report on a School Street car break from the previous evening.

Saturday, Sept. 4 - At 8:55 p.m., a resident reported a car stolen from Crescent Drive. He said he hadn't seen the vehicle since the previous day. An officer later reported finding a bike in the area where the car was stolen.

## ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 1 - At 10:44 a.m., an officer requested an ambulance for an elderly female complaining of neck pain, after an accident at the corner of Lovejoy and Dascomb roads. A written warning was issued to a driver for failure to grant right of way.

Thursday, Sept. 2 - At 11:09 p.m., after a report of an accident in Shawsheen Square, a man reported he got hit in the face with an egg and hit a pole. There was no damage to the pole.

Friday, Sept. 3 - At 4:16 p.m., a High Plain Road resident reported an accident with injuries. A Mass Electric pole was cracked in the accident.

Saturday, Sept. 4 - At 9:54 p.m., an accident with injury was reported on Main Street.

Tuesday, Sept. 7 - At 3:16 p.m., there was an accident with personal injury reported on Lowell Street. Relatives were called to pick up the two children from the station.

## VANDALISM

There were six reported incidents, including a case where someone threw a squash at a car, cracking the windshield.



# Arts & Entertainment

## Short cuts

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### A legacy of giving

Most of us don't like to consider ourselves selfish people. But when it comes to arts and entertainment, we let our true colors show, don't we?

Admit it. When your favorite restaurant gets a great review or a "Best of" award, you cringe a little worrying about longer lines, and difficult reservations.

If the small band you love suddenly strikes it big and you can't get tickets anymore suddenly you think they've "sold out" in more ways than one.

Once you see that hip item on the body of a middle school student, suddenly you just don't like it anymore.

You hate to share. Well, fortunately, some people are more giving, you big jerk.

Specifically, Andover residents can thank Phillips Academy for its goodwill. Not only has the school opened its Bobby McFerrin concert to residents, but the Addison Gallery has a spectacular show called *To Conserve a Legacy: American Art from Historically Black Colleges and Universities*. Both events are free.



Elizabeth Catlett, *Negro Woman*, c. 1956, wood and onyx, second award in sculpture, Atlanta University Art Annuals, 1956; from collection of Clark Atlanta University Art Galleries

Just a reminder: The Andover Historical Society is once again producing the play *Cry Witch! 1692*, about Andover's role in the Salem witch trials this October 15 to 17.

The society says it needs 35 to 40 men, women and children between the ages of 7 and 70.

A second casting call will be held today, Thursday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m., at the North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover. Those interested in auditioning that day can call 686-4035.

## Bang! McFerrin zooms to town Sept. 29

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mum of two tickets available, per person.

Those who attend may get a taste of why McFerrin is known as "The Voice" — and it's not just because of his 1984 album by the same name.

As Phillips Academy notes, McFerrin has performed amazing "instrumental vocals" with such classical artists as Yo Yo Ma and jazz legends Wynton Marsalis and Chick Corea.

He now appears as guest conductor of major orchestras, most notably the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra in Minnesota, where in 1994 he was appointed its creative chair.

McFerrin has performed a wide range of music. On the 1990 album *Play*, with Corea, McFerrin tackled music by Thelonious Monk, Kenny Dorham and Ornette Coleman. Two years earlier, on *Simple Pleasures* he sang pop numbers by performers such as The Beatles and Eric Clapton. In 1995, he worked with guests The Tower of Power Horns on the album *Bang! Zoom*.

McFerrin will be on the Phillips campus for two days, and will meet musical theory and composition students, and voice students. At the Sept. 29 concert he will be performing with Phillips Academy's student orchestra.

The Sept. 29 concert at Phillips is sponsored by the Bernard and Mildred Kayden Fund, which was established by the Kayden family to bring distinguished artists to Phillips Academy and the Andover community. Although the program is free, it is a ticketed event and seating is limited.

Advance tickets are available at the music department office in Graves Hall on the corner of School and Main streets.

Any inquiries regarding this performance may be directed to the Phillips Academy music department at 749-4995 or e-mail at [music@andover.edu](mailto:music@andover.edu).



Vocal chords — McFerrin can make music without instruments, as he did on his 1984 album *The Voice*.

## Northern Light-ing it up at the Crossroads

Northern Lights will be the first cup of eye-opening joe in this year's Crossroads Coffeehouse concert schedule, Saturday, Sept. 11.

A Boston Music Award-winning bluegrass band, Northern Lights will both leadoff the 1999-2000 season, and

launch Crossroads into its second decade.

Doors open at 7:15 p.m., with the show starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12. For more info call 687-3960, or 687-7948 after 5:30 the night of the concert.

Crossroads Coffeehouse, the coffeehouse in the basement of North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, is located at 190 Academy Road, North Andover.

People coming to the concert will hear Northern Light's unique mix of western swing, blues, folk, jazz and cajun music.

"They're going to hear a pretty eclectic mix of stuff. Certainly our identity as a band isn't as one that's trying to preserve bluegrass as a museum piece," says mandolin player, vocalist and *Townsmen* editor Taylor Armerding.

"We play two or three traditional songs a night."

Northern Lights does have a somewhat altered lineup since the band last performed at Crossroads about seven years ago.

Bassist Chris Miles, was added to the group about three years ago and is "far and away the best bass player we've had," says Armerding.

Northern Lights is one of several performers to be returning this season. One reason Crossroads consis-

(SEE THE LIGHT continued on page 26)



Taking it to the bridge — Northern Lights will be the leadoff hitter in this year's Crossroads Coffeehouse lineup.

## Country time Weekend of activities

Smolak Farms, at the corner of Dale and South Bradford streets in North Andover, will hold its annual "Weekend in the Country" this weekend, Sept. 11 and 12.

Activities will include picking your own apples and peaches, pony and hay rides, and buttonmaking for kids.

Musician Eric Sinclair will be featured on Saturday and country music band Maine Squeeze will perform Sunday.

Bill Sullivan, author of *Taylor Rabbit*, will present his stories and children's books on

both days.

Author Jane Brox will sign copies of her book *Five Thousand Days Like This One Sunday* from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Chef Walter's" food court will be open all day on both days.

The barn will be open both days with exhibits by local crafters.

Crafts will include dolls and toys, floral arrangements, nature photographs and unique clocks offered for sale.

Admission to the farm, parking and visits to animal exhibits are all free.

## Don't be blue, be bluegrass

(SEE THE LIGHT, from page 25)

tently gets recognizable names like Northern Lights is its setting.

"People just find it to be a real cozy place. Because people aren't drinking alcohol, the audience really pays attention to the music and knows what's going on — and every performer likes that," says Kim Adami, Crossroads co-chairperson.

### Following the Light

After Northern Lights leads off, the rest of this year's starting nine includes Taylor Whiteside, Oct. 9; Jenny Reynolds and Cheryl Hoenemeyer, Nov. 13; Vance Gilbert, Dec. 11; Atwater and Donnelly, Jan. 8; Michael Cooney, Feb. 12; Linda Waterfall, March 11; Tabasco Fiasco, April 8; and Cheryl Wheeler, May 13.

### More bluegrass in Lowell

For those who want a full-day of bluegrass, more is available in Lowell.

The sounds of bluegrass, Dixieland, old time mountain picking, and the strains of ethnic dance tunes from countries all over the world will flow from Boarding House Park in Lowell Saturday, Sept. 11, during the annual Banjo and Fiddle Contests.

The event is free of charge, but donations will be accepted.

Old-time banjo, fiddle, and dulcimer workshops begin at 10 a.m.

The Banjo and Fiddle Contests begin at noon and continue throughout the afternoon. Preregistration for contestants is strongly suggested.

Banjo and fiddle players of all ages, experts and beginners alike, compete for cash prizes and trophies in this annual competi-

tion. Participants have ranged in age from 4 years to 75, many traveling from as far away as North Carolina, and Quebec.

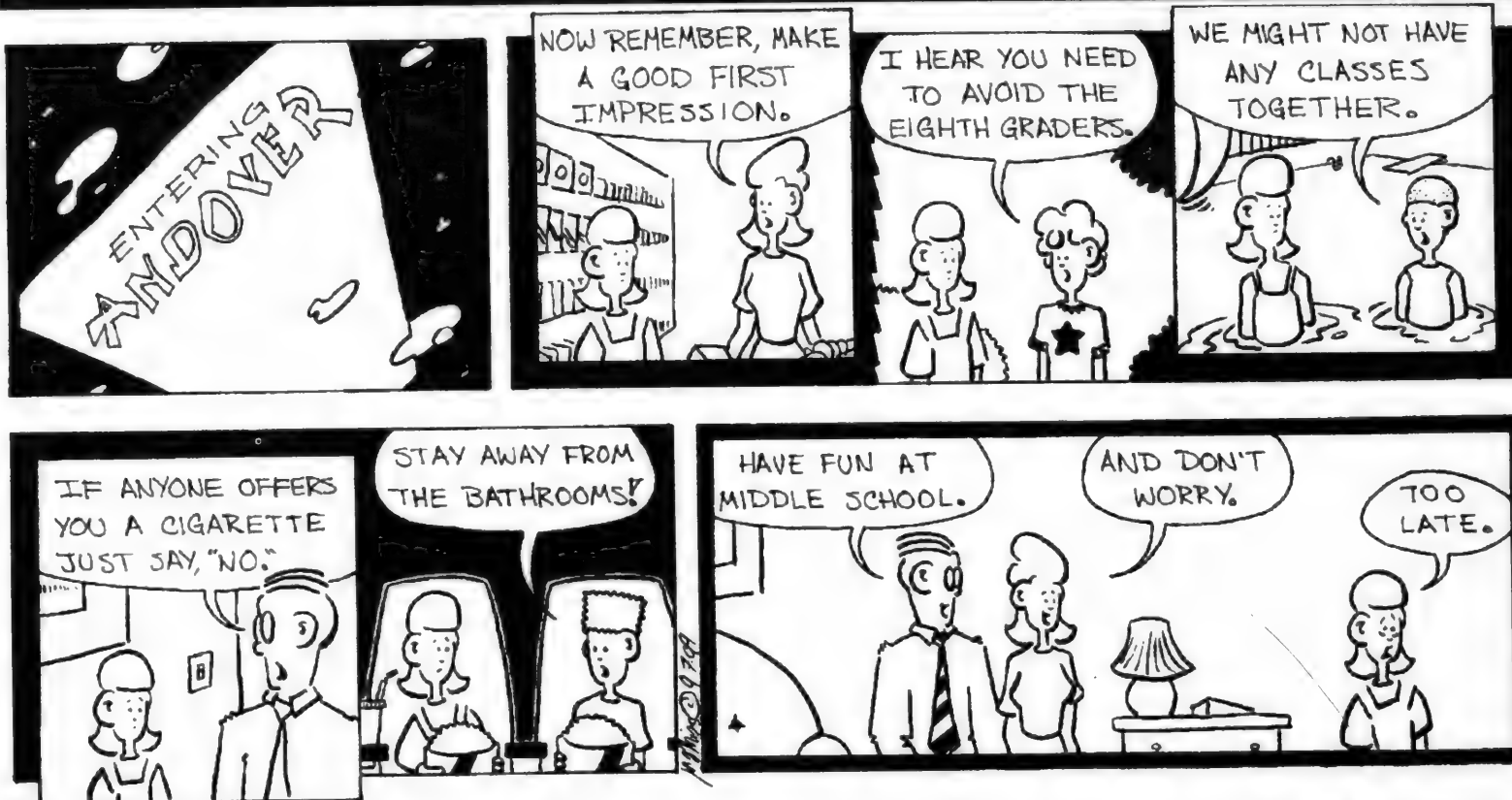
Musicians interested in participating should preregister by contacting the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell, (978) 970-5000.

Day-of registration begins at 11 a.m. at Boarding House Park. Contest entry is free.

For more information, call (978) 970-5000/5002. Boarding House Park is located at 40 French St. The rain location will be Lowell High School Auditorium across from Boarding House Park. Both locations are wheelchair accessible.

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## Andover Chamber Music Series returns Bach for their third season opener

The Andover Chamber Music Series will presents its first concert of the millennium season with three of the most beloved orchestral works by J. S. Bach, heard in their chamber versions. On Saturday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., a trio of young virtuoso violinists will lead an ensemble of musicians to present the *Brandenburg Concertos Nos. 2, 4, and 5*.

This first concert of the ACMS season will feature violinists Nurit Bar-Josef, Elizabeth Ann Larson and Andrew Taylor, all world-class performers with local roots, says Julia Scolnik, artistic director of the ACMS.

At 24, Bar-Josef has already achieved the position of assistant concertmaster of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The Tanglewood Music Fellow in 1993 and 1994 was featured soloist with the BSO as winner of the BSO's Youth Concerto Competition in 1990.

Larson has performed as a soloist with the Boston Pops at age 11 in their concerts on the Esplanade series. Since then, the North Andover native has received acclaim in performance and competition. She captured first prize in the Seventeen General Motors Violin Competition and the Boston Symphony Orchestra Youth Auditions, which resulted in a solo appearance with the BSO. Larson has performed in concerts throughout the U.S., Japan, England, Switzerland, Finland, Canada and Asia. She will soon release a CD of works for violin and organ.

Taylor has performed to critical acclaim in London, Paris, Berlin and Tokyo. The Brookline resident studied at the New England Conservatory and in Berlin. He has appeared in the Marlboro and Berlin Philharmonic Chamber Music festivals and continues a busy solo and recording career. Taylor records exclusively for Warner Classics Japan, and plays on a 1727 Stradivarius.

The violinists will be joined by other distinguished performers. James Sommerville, principal horn of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, has appeared as a featured artist at all major Canadian chamber festivals. Prior to his appointment to the BSO, he was associate principal horn with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. His recent recording of the *Mozart Horn Concerti* on CBC Records has garnered critical praise.

Mark Kroll, one of the world's leading harpsichordists, has appeared throughout Europe and the Americas in solo recital, with noted ensembles, and as a concerto soloist with major orchestras such as Philadelphia, Boston



A CD character - North Andover's Elizabeth Ann Larson will play with ACMS, and soon release a compact disc.

and Montreal. He has made more than 25 recordings and numerous TV and radio productions. His recent tours have included Krakow, Paris, Berlin, Leipzig and Slovenia.

Completing the evening's ensemble are Julia Scolnik and Christopher Krueger, flutes; Barbara LaFitte, oboe; Mary Ruth Ray, viola; Sarah Freiberg, cello; and Greg Koeller, bass.

The Brandenburg Concertos are recognized as among Bach's finest. Named for the Margrave Christian Ludwig of Brandenburg, to whom they were presented in 1721, the complete set of six concertos represent a variety of different approaches to the concerto idea. Unlike modern concertos, which feature a soloist backed by an ensemble or orchestra, all Brandenburgs fall into the category of ensemble concertos, since the soloists share the glory and the difficulties about equally with the other members of the ensemble.

Tickets are \$16 for general admission and \$12 for seniors and students. The ACMS offers subscriptions at discounted prices, and special group rates are also available.

Tickets are available at the door or in advance at The Andover Bookstore and Quiet Pleasures, or with credit card by calling 470-8874, or by sending a check to ACMS, P.O. Box 5075, Andover 01810.

## Now showing Residents exhibit 'Figure'

Two Andover residents, students at UMass Lowell, have their work on display in "The Figure Before the Millennium-Four Painters/Four Photographers" at the Dugan Gallery on Broadway Street in Lowell.

Ellen Mullane, a senior in fine arts, is one of the painters in the exhibition.

James Hopwood, a senior in graphic design, is one of the pho-

tographers.

The Dugan Gallery presents shows by past and present UMass Lowell art students as well as special shows such as an annual high school exhibition.

Show dates for "The Figure Before The Millennium-Four Painters/Four Photographers," will continue until Sept. 29, with a reception Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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A fire flow test will be conducted on **Saturday, September 11, 1999** beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the **LOWELL JUNCTION ROAD, BALLARDVALE AREA**. Water may be discolored for a period of time. To help alleviate the problem, please run your outside spigot until the water clears.

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## Kids: Try for confetti, gingerbread

Auditions for Confetti Kids will be held in the West Elementary School auditorium Friday, Sept. 10, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Children in grades 3-8 should be prepared to act a one-minute poem and sing a verse of *America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)*. For more information, call Maureen Brennan at 689-2399.

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Merrimack Junior Theatre, will hold auditions for the musical adaptation of *Hansel and Gretel* at Doherty Middle School auditorium Sept. 9 and 10 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Musical numbers include *Close Your Eyes*, *Hocus Pocus*, and *Gingerbread Witch*. Production dates are Nov. 12, 13 and 14, with rehearsals Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Auditions are for kids in grades 2 through 6. Children will be asked to act a short poem or monologue (one minute maximum) and sing the first few bars of *America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)*. Bring a non-returnable photo. For more information, call MJT President Corinne Gediman at 475-3422.

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## It's ragtime, see? At library, see?

The early minstrel days will be here again, at Memorial Hall Library, Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 9:30 a.m.

That day residents will be able to hear some old-time minstrel songs.

The show consists of Norm Conrad in a series of pantomimes of some of the stars of the minstrel and vaudeville stage, while dressed in costumes those stars might have worn.

Conrad will also play on the bones (sticks of resonant wood) which are placed between the fingers and played to a musical accompaniment.

One of the highlights of the show is Conrad playing the tambourine, employing intricate syncopated beats while keeping time to a Sousa march or a ragtime melody.

Residents can hear some memorable tunes such as *Bill Bailey Won't You Please Come Home!*, *If You Knew Susie*, *Swanee*, and *My Mammy* as they might have been performed by Al Jolson, Eddie Cantor, Jimmy Durante and, a special feature, the sweet old-fashioned



A-cha-cha-cha – Norm Conrad has a cane and is able to do everyone from Al Jolson to Jimmy Durante.

girl.

This production will keep even the most sophisticated

audiences applauding, laughing and coming back for more, said organizers.

## Invasion (1960s) USA

### Nostalgia band hits Park, dig?

The Department of Community Services invites the community to a free concert in the Park Sunday, Sept. 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. to see New England's '60s band, '60s Invasion.

The band performs selections from the early 1960s such as *New Orleans* by Gary U. S. Bonds and *Can't Help Falling In Love* by Elvis.

It also proceeds further into the decade with *Please, Please Me* by the Beatles and *Louie, Louie* by the Kingsmen.

Other '60s selections include *Good Lovin'* by the Rascals, *Midnight Confession* by the Grass Roots and *Hair*, from the Broadway musical with the same name.

The group will include a segment of their program called "60s Invasion Does the Millennium – sort of," where they play popular selections from each decade of the last 100 years.

'60s Invasion has performed throughout New England, including on the Mt. Washington cruise ship on Lake Winnepesaukee and for the Lowell Spinners Red Sox minor league baseball team.

The band is led by international touring artist Dave Vose on percussion with Jack Little on bass, New Hampshire's Dave Dunham on lead vocals and Andover's Bob Cleary on guitar.

Organizers said, "We hope to see you in the Park at Andover's bandstand, located at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets, Sunday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m.

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, Sept. 9

**Breakfast Circle**, sponsored by Sutton Hill Center, healthy breakfast, Scott MacDonald of New York Life discusses protecting your nest egg, proceeds donated to Council on Aging, 9-10:30 a.m., \$1; 688-1212.

**Auditions, Cry Witch! 1692**, ages 7-70, 7 p.m., North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road; 686-4035.

**Auditions**, Merrimack Junior Theatre's *The Story of Hansel and Gretel*, grades 2-6, 6-9 p.m., Doherty Middle School Auditorium, Bartlet Street; Corinne Gediman 475-3422.

**Auditions**, Concord Players' *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*, 7:30 p.m., 51 Walden St., Concord, Mass.; Sally (978) 369-2042.

**Alzheimer's program**, sponsored by Fallon Healthcare System, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Willow Manor HealthCare and Rehabilitation Center, 30 Princeton Boulevard, Lowell; 1-800-939-5433.

**Meeting**, American Red Cross, will honor Andover residents Diane Deschene, Michael Burnett and Joseph Giordano, 5-8 p.m., DiBurro's Function Facilities, Route 125, Haverhill; Cindy Bernstein (978) 372-6871 or 683-2465.

**Gallery talk**, sponsored by Montserrat College of Art, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; (978) 922-8222.

## FRIDAY, Sept. 10

**Opening reception**, art work by Carl Lackey, Nancy Marculewicz, Helen Tory, Marcia Widenor, 5-7 p.m., Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

**Tewksbury homecoming celebration**, Tewksbury State Hospital grounds, East Street, Tewksbury; 640-6238.

**Auditions**, Merrimack Junior Theatre, see Thursday, Sept. 9 entry.

**Concert**, sponsored by Ride FAR 6 and Universal Coffeehouse, featuring Chris Smither, Jennifer Kimball and special guest, 8 p.m., \$20, First Universalist Church, 211 Bridge St., Salem, Mass.; (978) 779-0393.

**Nonna's Cruise to Nowhere**, dinner and show, doors 6:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., show 8 p.m., \$35, Grill 93, River Road; 687-2442.

**Dedication ceremony**, Carol Schlosberg Alumni Gallery, 4-6 p.m., Montserrat College of Art, 23 Essex St., Beverly; (978) 922-8222.

**Auditions**, Confetti Kids, grades 3-8, act out one-minute poem and sing verse of *America*, 3:30-5 p.m., West Elementary School auditorium, 60 Beacon St.; Maureen Brennan 689-2399.

**Comedy Palace**, featuring Freddie Stone, Joe Carroll, P.J. Walsh, 9 p.m., Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

## SATURDAY, Sept. 11

**Apple country craft fair**, sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry, N.H.; (603) 437-8333.

**Tewksbury homecoming celebration**, see entry under Friday, Sept. 10.

**Flea market**, sponsored by Belleville Congregational Church, space rental, \$14, table rental, \$5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 300 High St., Newburyport; (978) 465-5204.

**Banjo and fiddle contests**, Boarding House Park, 40 French St., Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

**Bean supper**, sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish activities, 4-6:30 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 children under 12, Sacred Heart Parish, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence; Irene Potvin 686-5712.

**Concert**, featuring Northern Lights, mix of western swing, blues, folk, jazz and cajun music, 8 p.m., \$12, Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 687-3960.

**Comedy Palace**, 8 and 10:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, Sept. 10.

**Weekend in the country**, sponsored by Smolak Farms, pick-your-own apples and peaches, pony and hay rides, 315 South Bradford St., North Andover; 682-8058.

## SUNDAY, Sept. 12

**Apple country craft fair**, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., see entry under Saturday, Sept. 11.

**Tewksbury homecoming celebration**, featuring classic antique car show 10 a.m.-4 p.m. see entry under Friday, Sept. 10.

**Auditions**, Ballet Theatre of Boston's *Nutcracker*, ages 6-8, 9 a.m., ages 9-10, 10:30 a.m., ages 11-12, noon, ages 13-14, 1:30 p.m., ages 15-18, 3 p.m., Emerson Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont St., Boston; (617) 354-7467.

**Concert**, sponsored by Department of Community Services, 1-3 p.m., the Park, Bartlet and Chestnut streets, in the event of rain, Memorial Auditorium; Mary Donohue 623-8277.



**Invasion of the nostalgia snatchers - '60s invasion hits Park.**

**National pet memorial**, sponsored by Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and American Humane Education Society, 2 p.m., Hillside Acre Animal Cemetery, Routes 28 and 213, Methuen; Joan Stark (617) 522-7400.

**Family party**, sponsored by Grandparents as Parents, featuring puppet-making, crafts, storytelling, clowns, music, refreshments, door prizes, 2-4 p.m., Lowell Campus, Middlesex Community College, Kearney Square, Lowell; RSVP (978) 459-3232.

**Weekend in the country**, see Saturday, Sept. 11 entry.

## MONDAY, Sept. 13

**Meeting**, Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack, program on battle of Fredericksburg, Va., 7:30 p.m., Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; Tom (978) 462-8518.

**New moms' coffee**, sponsored by the Mother Connection of Andover/North Andover, refreshments, babies welcome, 8 p.m., First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover; 738-0784.

**Auditions**, sponsored by Exsultet!, a 20-voice chamber choir, 7:30 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larraga (781) 329-1741.

## TUESDAY, Sept. 14

**Jazz**, featuring the Tim Ray Trio, wheelchair accessible, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Casa Vecchia, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

**Meeting**, Amnesty International Merrimack Valley Group, 7 p.m., Room 311, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, junctions of Route 125 and 114, North Andover; Leslie Baskin 458-1512.

**Concert**, Willie Nelson and Family, 8 p.m., \$34.50, \$29.50, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; (978) 454-2299.

**Girl Scout registration**, sponsored by Spar and Spindle Girl Scout Council grades K-12, 7 p.m., downstairs hall, St. Augustine Church, Essex Street; 689-8015.

**Designer luncheon**, sponsored by Middle Suburban Christian Women's Club at Andover, music, speaker, complimentary child care, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$11, Ramada Rolling Green Inn, Route 133; RSVP Ruth (978) 664-3901, or Dolly (781) 944-2228.

## WEDNESDAY, Sept. 15

**Meeting**, Merrimack Valley Camera Club, program on how to preserve family legacy, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 664-3140, 687-9103, 686-2656.

**Mini-minstrels**, 9:30 a.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; 623-8400.

## THURSDAY, Sept. 16

**Square dance**, sponsored by Skirts 'n' Flirts Square Dance Club, 7:30-9:45 p.m., Shawsheen School, Route 129, Wilmington; (781) 944-1681 or (978) 658-4022.

**Job fair**, sponsored by American Red Cross, Merrimack Valley, for certified nurses assistants and home

health aides, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Lowell Lodge of Elks, Old Ferry Road, Lowell; 683-2465 or (978) 372-6871.

**Cub Scout signup**, sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 76, boys grades 1-5, 6-7 p.m., South School cafeteria, 55 Woburn St.; Ellie Wilkin 749-4846.

**North Shore Independent Secondary School Fair**, 6-8 p.m., Shore Country Day School, 545 Cabot St., Beverly; Lee Carey 921-1700.

**AIDS coalition retreat**, sponsored by AIDS Coalition of the Merrimack Valley, for community leaders, health providers and consumers, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., the Psychological Center, 1 South Union St., Lawrence; Nilka Alvarez 685-7663.

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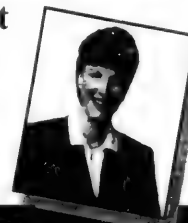
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## FRIDAY, Sept. 17

**Golf tourney**, sponsored by Merrimack Valley YMCA, 8:30 a.m., \$110, Merrimack Golf Club, Methuen; Walt Kimball 686-6191.

**Comedy Escape**, featuring DJ Hazard, Jeff Meisler, Jeanine Pace, 9:30 p.m., \$10-\$12 cover charge, China Blossom, Routes 125/133, North Andover; 1-800-401-2221.

## SATURDAY, Sept. 18

**Amish quilt and craft sale**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tsongas Arena, 300 Arcand Drive, Lowell; Jane Benton (717) 786-8487.

**Singles dance**, sponsored by Haverhill TSL, 8 p.m.-midnight, \$5 members, 47 nonmembers, American Legion Hall, Route 121, Haverhill; Georgie (978) 372-3299.

**Art in the Park**, sponsored by Andovers Artists Guild and town of Andover, the Park, Chestnut and Bartlet streets, Jim Cassidy 688-0633.

**Know your town fair**, sponsored by League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, 9 a.m.-noon, in front of and around Old Town Hall, Main St; Lisa Wilson 623-8450.

**Art exhibit reception**, sponsored by the Gallery Connection of Windham, refreshment, proceeds benefit Castle Restoration Fund, 7-10 p.m., \$30 per person, \$50 couple, Searles Castle 21 Searles Road, Windham, N.H.; RSVP (603) 898-6597.

**Concert**, Andover Chamber Music Series, 7:30 p.m., \$16, \$12 students, seniors, South Church, 41 Central St.; 470-8874.

**Comedy Escape**, see entry under Friday, Sept. 17.

## SUNDAY, Sept. 19

**Castle Hill Concours d'Elegance**, sponsored by Trustees of Reservations, an exhibition of classic cars and vintage sports cars, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$20 adults, \$10 children under 12, Castle Hill, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich; (978) 356-4351.

**Art exhibit**, noon-4 p.m., \$5, Searles Castle 21 Searles Road, Windham, N.H.; (603) 898-6597.

## ONGOING

### Museums and Historic Homes

**Andover Historical Society** permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools,

library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 475-2236.

**Addison Gallery of American Art**, *To Conserve a Legacy: American Art from Historically Black Colleges & Universities*, through October, Phillips Academy campus, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; (978) 749-4015



Frederick C. Flemister, *Man with a Brush*, 1940, oil on canvas, Collection of Clark Atlanta University Art Galleries, Atlanta.

**North Andover Historical Society**, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. Thursdays, first and third Sunday of the month, September-October, 2-4 p.m., permanent and changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

**American Textile History Museum**, *Art Underfoot*, hooked rug exhibit, through Oct. 3, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3, seniors, students, includes general museum admission, free for children under 6 and museum members, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.

**Boott Cotton Mills Museum**, *The*

*Working City at Play*, exhibit recalling the pastimes and leisure activities of Lowell residents from the 19th century until today, through November, 400 Foot of John Street, Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

**Crane Estate Great House** guided tours, through Oct. 7, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., trustee members free, \$7 adults, \$5 children and seniors, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich; (978) 356-4351.

**Lowell National Historic Park**, history of the American Industrial Revolution, guided tours of cotton and textile mills, canals, trolley rides, Pawtucket Canal Tour; Working People Exhibit at Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center; Boott Cotton Mills Museum, open daily, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 youth 6-16 and students, senior discount, free children 5 and under; (978) 970-5000.

**Canal tours**, sponsored by Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; RSVP (978) 970-5000.

**Exploring Lowell**, join a ranger for a 30- to 90-minute program exploring a variety of Lowell-related topics, all tours are free, 1 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 970-5000.

**New England Quilt Museum**, *Seeing Yellow*, through Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sundays, \$4, \$3 students/senior citizens, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; (978) 452-4207.

**Peabody Essex Museum**, *The Real Witchcraft Papers*, *Going Places in Asia*, *A Folk Art Sampler*, *Order & Elegance: Masterpieces of Federal Furniture from Coastal Massachusetts*, *Ancient New Englanders: Bullbrook*, all ongoing, *Mystical Arts of Tibet*, through Oct. 17, *Timeless Visions: Contemporary Art of India*, through Oct. 31, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday noon-5 p.m. \$8.50 adults, \$7.50 seniors, students, \$5 children ages 6-16, free, children 5 and under, \$20 family rate, Phillips Library, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 1-8 p.m. Liberty and Essex streets, Salem; (978) 745-9500 or (800) 745-4054.

**Custom House Maritime Museum**, *Coping with Crisis: Cushing Shipping and Diplomacy*, *The Newburyport Waterfront: Past and Futures*, through Dec. 23, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, 1-4 p.m., \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and children ages 5-17, members free, operated by Newburyport Maritime Society, 25 Water St., Newburyport; Cynthia Novotny (978) 462-8681.

**Cushing House Museum**, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$4 adults, \$1.50 children under 12, members free, 98 High St., Newburyport; (978) 462-2681.

**Salem 1630, Pioneer Village**, a recreation of the first English settlement in Salem, Mass., through November, \$5 adults, \$3 children, Forest River Park, Salem, Mass.; (978) 744-0991.

**Wenham Museum**, *Second Star to the Right*, tracing America's fascination with space, through Sept. 19, *Far Out, Man!: Clothes of the '60s and '70s*, through Oct. 31, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, \$3.50 seniors, \$2 children 3 and over, handicap accessible, 132 Main St. (Route 1A), Wenham; (978) 468-2377.

## Art Exhibitions

**Bishop's Restaurant**, art by members of Andovers Artists Guild, through September, Hampshire Street, Lawrence; Jim Cassidy 688-0633.

**Essex Art Center**, art work by Carl Lackey, Nancy Marculewicz, Helen Tory, Marcia Widenor, Sept.

10-Oct. 15, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

**Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery**, Parfitt Photography Exhibit, through Oct. 3, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 136 State St., Portsmouth, N.H.; (603) 431-4230.

**Memorial Hall Library**, paintings by Charles McCarthy, through September, Elm Square; 623-8401.

**Montserrat College of Art**, works by the late Carol Schlosberg, through Sept. 24, 23 Essex St., Beverly; (978) 922-8222.

**Senior Center artists**, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 623-8321.

**Rye Gallery**, engravings and paintings by Scott Schnepf, through Oct. 9, Wednesday-Friday, 1-5 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 243 Central Road, Rye, N.H.; (603) 964-7861.



**Fruit, Roses and Rye - Scott Schnepf at the Rye Gallery.**

**Whistler House Museum of Art**, *Colorblind*, a watercolor exhibit by Kevin Dadoly, Sept. 15-Oct. 30, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; (978) 452-7641.

## Theatre

**A Chorus Line**, through Sept. 12, Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:30 show, Sunday dinner 5 p.m., show 6:30 p.m. show-only \$10.50-\$12.50, dinner-show, \$21-\$30, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main

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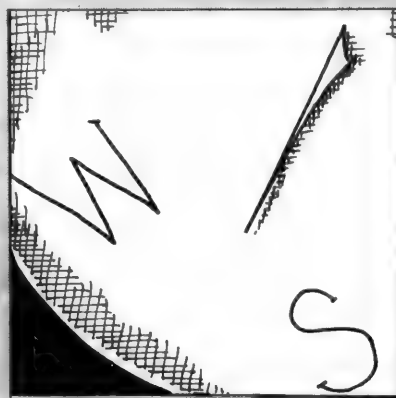
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Illustration by Don Mathias



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St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.

**Kiss of the Spider Woman**, through Sept. 26, Tuesdays-Saturdays 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Saturdays, Sundays, 2 p.m., Tuesday, \$28-\$44, North Shore Music Theater, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; (978) 232-7200.

**Picasso at the Lapinagile**, through Oct. 3, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m., \$18.50-\$32.50, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; (978) 454-3926.

**The Skin of Our Teeth**, Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 11-Oct. 3, Sept. 11 show free, 2 p.m., \$5, Theater in the Open, Maudslay State Park, 1 Curzon Mill Road, Newburyport; (978) 465-2572.

## Meetings/Activities

**Andover Great Books Group**, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

**Andover Choral Society**, all voice parts are welcome to join, auditions are not required, rehearsals are held Mondays, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Cathy Bruton 687-8225.

**Bridge game and lessons**, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St.; (603) 382-0123 J. J. Zamierowski.

**Bicycle rides**, beginning May 18, meet at Andover Cycle/The Cycle Stop, 26 Chestnut St.; 749-3191.

**Adult Learning Center**, 243 South Broadway, Lawrence, offers free citizenship classes Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Karen Sheridan 975-5917.

**Al-Anon**, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie 851-7655.

**Kenoza TOPS**, for people interested in losing weight, Thursday meetings, 6-6:30 p.m., \$1 weekly dues, Haverhill Alliance Church; Shirley (978) 373-1825, Charlene (978) 346-4018 or Carol (603) 382-6146.

**Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA)**, an organization for retirees and semiretired, meets every Monday during spring semester for seminars in world religions and world politics of the future, every Tuesday for seminars in art appreciation and every Thursday for seminars in foreign policy and science and technology, UMass-Lowell, Fox Hall, North Campus; (978) 3135.

**Men's woodcarving group** meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; 623-8321.

**Newcomers Club of the Andovers**, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Linda Ianelli 686-2263, or Linda Latta 975-

8767.

**North Shore Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, Mondays, 7:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Lynn; Becky Christie (978) 745-8340 or Gloria Kozlosky (617) 233-5732.

**Merrimack Valley Camera Club**, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

**Country-western dancing**, Moose Lodge, North Street, North Reading, Fridays, 7:30 p.m.-midnight, couples and line-dance lessons, \$5 donation; Ken (978) 772-2195, or 664-2721.

**Merrimack Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, four weeks of free group vocal lessons, Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 7 p.m. Wilming-

ton Arts Council Building, Route 62; (978) 851-7764.

**Folk dance**, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawsheen Elementary School, Shawsheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; (978) 658-4022 or 658-3480.

**Lowell Opera Company rehearsals** Mondays, 7:30 p.m., new members welcome, auditions not required, First United Baptist Church, Church Street, Lowell; Vita Selvaggio (978) 453-3610.

**The Merrimacks 978 Toastmasters Club** public-speaking skills meetings, second and fourth Mondays of month, guests welcome, Prescott House Nursing Home, North Andover, 7-9 p.m.; Pat Meredith 681-8014.

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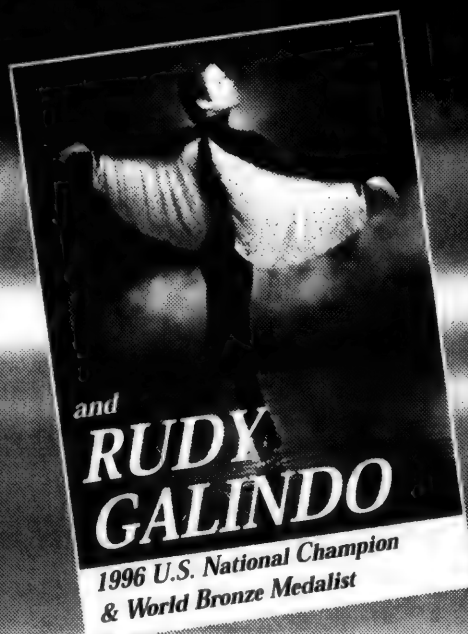
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# Living

## Department of Community Services fall class registration will begin Wednesday

The Department of Community Services fall class registration will begin Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School and will continue at the DCS office Thursday, Sept. 16, until programs fill or classes start. Program booklets, in the mail this week to Andover residents, have detailed class descriptions, class meeting times and locations.

### A.M.C. calendar for September-October

The Andover Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club is planning the following activities.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 19:** 50-mile bike ride, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club. Ipswich-Newburyport-Georgetown loop. Register with David Doub, 470-3703.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 26:** Hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club. Meadow Brook, Haverhill. 4 miles. Meet 1:30 p.m. at the barrier at end of dirt land just after Children of Israel Cemetery. Art Olsen, (978) 374-0751.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 2:** Hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, 7-10 miles. on Mid-State Trail. Moderate pace. Register with Dennis Crispo, (978) 474-0790.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 3:** Hike, Winnikenni Park, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club 5-6 miles. around Kenoza Lake and surrounding hills. Stops at Castle and Birchbow. Meet 1:30 at parking lot # 1 of Northern Essex Community College. Heavy rain or mud cancels. Helen/Ray Conway, (978) 373-0586.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 9:** Hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club. Mt. Wachusett. 10 a.m. Bring lunch. Meet at Visitor's Center on Mountain Road, Princeton, Mass. Joe Pirrello (978) 521-0382.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 17:** Hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club. Indian Ridge, two hours. Meet 1:30 p.m. at Andover High School Auditorium entrance. Susan Kelly, 475-1180.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 24:** Trail work, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club. Help construct new trail at Wheeler property, Haverhill. Meet 9 a.m. at trailhead on Boxford Road. Heavy rain cancels. Dave Doub, 470-3703.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 24:** Hike sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club. Holt and Boston Hills. Meet 1:30 p.m. at Ward Reservation parking lot, Prospect Road. Dick/Marta Hornidge, 475-3595.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 31:** Hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club. Bradley Palmer State Park, Topsfield. Two hours. Meet 1:30 p.m. at park entrance. Faith Evans, (978) 356-2098.

The booklet can also be viewed on the Internet by looking at Andover's home page <www.town.andover.ma.us>. The booklet features a letter by Buzz Stapczynski, town manager, and leisure opportunities and program information from Andover Youth Services and Andover Senior Center. Anyone who does not receive a booklet by Sept. 13 may pick one up at the DCS office on Bartlet Street, Memorial Hall Library, or the Senior Center.

New courses for adults include cake decorating, Indian cooking, baby quilt, beginning chess, infant massage, French Conversation I and Italian Conversation II, CPR, first aid, Power Point, Latin dancing and Understanding Town Meeting and Your Town Government.

New children's classes include French conversation for grades 5 and 6, etiquette and dining skills for ages 8-12, a fall youth basketball league for grades 1-5, and power training for ages 13-17. New for families with a cat or dog is a pet massage workshop.

For more course information, call the DCS at 623-8274. Register by phone beginning Sept. 16 with a Visa or Mastercard or send payment to DCS, Town Offices, Bartlet Street, Andover 01810.

### Rev. Richardson returns from sabbatical

Rev. Peter T. Richardson, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, returns Sunday, Sept. 12, from a six-month sabbatical.

Highlights included a month-long trip to India, completing the manuscript for a new book, *Spiritual Freedom*, sequel for his *Four Spiritualities*, and leading workshops in four states and Canada. He was a delegate from the U.S. to the International Association for Religious Freedom World Congress held in Vancouver; from Andover to the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association held, in Salt Lake City; and attended the International Conference of the Association of Psychological Type, held in Phoenix.

While in the Southwest, he toured several national parks with his cameras. While in India he attended the marriage of Arup and Elise De in Calcutta, attended Brahmo Samaj worship in Shantiniketan,

Tagore's school, and the annual meetings of the Unitarians in Meghalaya, preaching in the Madan Laban Unitarian Church in Shillong.

Rev. Richardson with Eleanor, his wife, also visited several Buddhist pilgrimage sites in Bodh Gaya, Sarnath, and Vaishali and the famous art museums in Patna and Calcutta.

Sunday, at 6 Locke St. in downtown Andover, will be the opening "homecoming" service of the congregational year. Adults and children will gather at 10:30 for the story for all ages after which children will begin their religious education classes for the year.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover draws from all religious traditions to help individuals find pathways to spiritual growth in community.

### Red Cross to honor 13 hometown heroes

The American Red Cross will honor 13 hometown heroes and other award recipients at its annual meeting today, Thursday, Sept. 9, at 5 p.m. at DiBurro's Function facilities on Route 125, Haverhill.

Hometown heroes from Greater Lawrence are Michael Burnett, Diane Deschene and Joseph Giordano, all of Andover, and Debra Duxbury, Joseph Jameson, Patrick Lafrance, and Joseph Maloney.

William Lane and Leonard Wilson received awards for 30 years of service.

New board members from Greater Lawrence are Joseph Bevilacqua, Marcelis Ortiz and Ronald Pollina. Call (978) 372-6871.

### Mother Connection plans fall open house

The Mother Connection Inc. will hold its fall open house Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. at First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., in North Andover. All members and prospective members are welcome to attend this special evening. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded every 15 minutes.

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# WEDDINGS

## Tirrell-Morris

Kristen Morris and John Stephan Tirrell were married Dec. 27, 1998, in St. Michael Church. The Rev. Michael Randon performed the ceremony during a Nuptial Mass.

Karen Powers of Haverhill was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Conflitti of Middletown, N.Y., the groom's sister, and Kelly Rogers of Salem, N.H. The groom's niece, Melissa Conflitti of Middletown, N.Y., was flower girl.

John Kovacs of Charlestown was best man. Groomsmen were Tom Fratto of Wakefield and Paul Roche of Melrose.

Following a reception at Haverhill Country Club, the couple left for the White Mountains.

The bride is the daughter of Robert Morris of Cambridge and Theresa Hornby of Andover. The Andover High School graduate received a B.S. degree in nursing from Boston College.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tirrell of Melrose. The Melrose High School graduate received a B.A. degree



**Kristen and John Tirrell**

from Bentley College. He is with the U.S. Air Force.

The couple live in Okinawa.

## Guibord-Hatton

Rebecca Marie Hatton and Alan David Guibord were married Jan. 2 at First Church Congregational in Methuen. The Rev. Mark I. Hamilton officiated at the candlelight ceremony.

Melissa E. Szymansky of Oxford, Conn., was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Sandra Guibord Fitzpatrick, Amanda Galpin, Denise Doonan, Denise LeBlanc, Jennifer Batts, Nicole Viger, Colleen Monahan and Amy Ruggiero. Junior bridesmaids were Megan Regan and Meghan Hatton.

Best man was Jon Paul Ciruso of Andover. Ushers were Kenneth Szymansky, Brian Fitzpatrick, Scott Galpin, Joseph Spanos, Michael Ennis, Justin Hesenius, Richard Pztasek and Michael Marcoux.

The bride wore a silk duchess satin a-line gown with an off-the-shoulder neckline detailed with imported lace and beadwork and a chapel length train by designer Richard Glasgow and a matching headpiece with layers of illusion veiling. She carried a bouquet of lavender roses.

Following a reception at Andover Country Club, the couple left for Jamaica.

The bride is the daughter of Cary V. and Marie E. Hatton of Salem, N.H. She received a BS in biology from Fairfield University and is pursuing a master's degree in physi-



**Rebecca and Alan Guibord**

cal therapy at Sacred Heart University.

Her husband is the son of Alan R. and Donna Guibord of Southport, Conn., formerly of Andover. The Andover High School graduate received a BS in finance from Salve Regina University and is district sales manager for Interworld Corp. in Manhattan.

The couple live in Fairfield, Conn.

## Martin-Burns

Cynthia Burns and Neal Martin were married by Justice of the Peace Kathleen Russell on Sunday, July 25, at their home in Henniker, N.H.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Burns of Central Street. She graduated from Smith College and Boston University and is an associate professor of business at New England College.

Her husband is the son of Marilyn Ingham of Concord, N.H., and stepson of Daniel Federico of Melrose. He has degrees from Hawthorne College and New England College and is a police officer employed by the town of Henniker.

This is the second marriage for both.

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# ENGAGEMENTS



**Mark C. Shwetz and  
Christy Ann Pearce**

## Pearce-Shwetz

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Pearce Jr. of Lenthicum Heights, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter, Christy Ann, to Mark C. Shwetz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald P. Shwetz of Methuen, formerly of Andover.

Ms. Pearce, a graduate of the International School of Cosmetology, is a self-employed hair stylist.

Mr. Shwetz is a graduate of Central Catholic High School and Assumption College. He is regional merchandising manager for the Central Atlantic region of Toyota Motor Corp. in Glen Burnie, Md.

The couple plan an October wedding.



**David Gilmore and  
Elizabeth Crawford**

## Crawford-Gilmore

Kathryn and Robert Crawford of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Wakefield, to David Robert Gilmore, son of Suzanne and Robert Gilmore of Point Clear, Ala.

Ms. Crawford is a graduate of Phillips Academy and of Carnegie-Mellon with a BFA degree. She is a freelance producer with Nike.

Mr. Gilmore graduated from the University of Virginia and is in marketing.

The couple plan a September 2000 wedding.



**Ronnie Kovner and  
Steven Tepp**

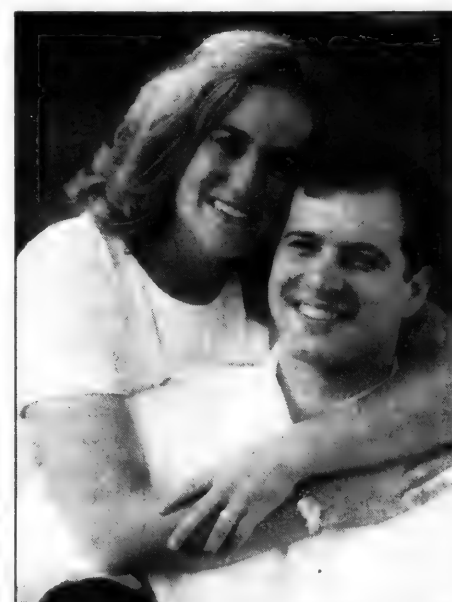
## Kovner-Tepp

Sanford and Janet Kovner of Boca Raton, Fla., formerly of Andover, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ronnie Faith, to Steven Marc Tepp, son of Barry and Leda Tepp of East Brunswick, N.J.

Ms. Kovner graduated from Skidmore College in 1990 and from Georgetown University in 1995 with a master's in public policy. She is a lobbyist at Capitol Associates Inc. in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Tepp graduated from Colgate University in 1991 and from Washington College of Law, American University in 1994. He is a senior attorney with the U.S. Copyright Office in Washington.

The couple plan a March 2000 wedding in Washington, D.C.



**Jennifer Parsons and  
Kevin O'Handley**

## Parsons-O'Handley

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Parsons of Topsfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Kevin O'Handley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. O'Handley of Andover.

The couple plan an October wedding.

## Crowninshield-Davies

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Crowninshield of Boxford announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Ann, to Warwick Harvey Davies, son of Geoffrey Davies and Elizabeth Davies of Lexington.

Ms. Crowninshield graduated from Andover High School in 1989 and received a bachelor of science degree in business management from Fitchburg State College in 1993. She is the group conference director at the National Managed Health Care Congress in Waltham.

Mr. Davies graduated from Lexington High School in 1983 and received a bachelor of science degree in economics from Northeastern University in 1988. He is director of international business development at DCI in Andover.

The couple plan a September wedding.



**Warwick Davies and  
Cindy Crowninshield**

## Mulley-Nelson

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Mulley of Daytona Beach, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Ann, to Scott Edward Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Nelson of Hopkinton.

Ms. Mulley received her bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education from West Chester University in West Chester, Pa. She taught at Bala Cynwyd Middle School in suburban Philadelphia, and is currently teaching at West Middle School.

Mr. Nelson received a bachelor of science degree from Northeastern University and a master's of architectural engineering from Penn State University. He is a structural engineer with Anderson-Nichols and Co. Inc. in Boston.

The couple plan a July 2000 wedding in Methuen.



**Pamela Mulley and  
Scott Nelson**

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# ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

## 100 Years Ago

Miss Lena Nolan has been spending her vacation at Hampton Beach.

See Jos. Tshauder's ad in another column.

Edgestones have been laid along the sidewalk on the east side of Main Street, in front of Valpey's meat market. The sidewalk will be concreted.

The Florists' and Gardeners' club will meet tonight. Action may be taken regarding another chrysanthemum show this fall.

The Courteous Circle, King's Daughters, held a meeting Thursday evening at which the members gave interesting accounts of vacation experiences.

The pond at Marland mills was drawn off Labor Day and a gang of men were at work during the day repairing the dam and dredging the basin.

The section of the Boston & Maine railroad passing through Andover has been oiled. The entire roadbed will receive the same treatment, which has proved so effective to lay the dust.

John Driscoll reported to the Lawrence police Thursday that he had been robbed of \$3 by a soldier of the 26th regiment who was spending a furlough in Lawrence.

Walter Diman, who represents this district in the Naval Academy at Annapolis, is spending a brief furlough at his home in Lawrence. Diman has just returned from a trip around the world.

In order to meet the requirements of the law in regard to school buildings, the doors on the Stowe school have been rehung to swing out instead of in, as formerly.

A party of nine young people from town enjoyed a very pleasant drive to Ferncroft Inn, Danvers, on Labor Day. This historic old place is well worth a visit and on a pleasant day the trip is delightful either by wheel or carriage.

Miss Lydia Clark entertained several of her young girl friends at her home in the brick house Wednesday. Refreshments were served and the time spent enjoyably in playing games, etc. Miss Elizabeth Clement won the

prize in the "dude contest" and Miss Sarah Hincks won the "peppermint contest."

## 50 Years Ago

Through the alertness of Officer Raymond F. Collins two Manchester, N.H. juveniles and a stolen car from that city were picked up here about 3:20 a.m. Tuesday. Officer Collins saw the pair in the car and believing they were quite young to be riding around at that hour stopped them for questioning. They were brought to the station and later returned to Manchester, where they had taken the car from a used car lot.

A group of 25 members of the United Nations Secretariat will be entertained in Andover over the weekend of Sept. 30 to Oct. 2. The visiting delegation will come from the United Nations headquarters at Lake Success, N.Y. and will be met at the South Station in Boston by several local women and brought to Andover by automobile where they will be entertained from supper time Friday through Sunday.

Norman A. Ross, 26, a sailor, was seriously injured in an automobile accident on Elm Street. After hitting several trees along the road, Ross's car struck a stone wall and rolled over, trapping him underneath. He suffered internal injuries, five broken ribs, a concussion and possible skull fracture. He is in fair condition at Lawrence General hospital.

## 25 Years Ago

A spectacular early morning blaze that claimed the

lives of six prized horses on Haggetts Pond Road is under investigation by Andover fire officials and the state fire marshal's office. Investigators say that the fire was definitely not electrical, and a cut telephone line is of prime concern to them at the moment.

Stiffer controls have been placed on Andover's parks and steps taken to provide the opportunity to extend control town wide. The selectmen voted unanimously to prohibit the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in town parks. The regulations were prompted by activity this summer, particularly at The Park, where a small group of youths had taken over the area to the point where a police patrol was initiated to control the problem in August.

Atty. Gerald Cohen defeated Atty. Philip Coppola in the primary for the Democratic nomination for the new Andover-only state representative spot. While admitting that he would rather have won the nomination, Coppola says that he will work for Cohen and the Democrats state-wide in November.

## 10 Years Ago

On the local battlefield in the war on drugs, Brenda O'Brien, the school system's director of health education, took the initiative for Andover last spring. She has applied for and will receive a three-year grant from the Northeast Regional Center for Drug-Free Schools and Communities to battle drug use and abuse locally. The

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# OBITUARIES

## Doris A. Ford Member of Andover Chapter 187 Order of the Eastern Star for more than 50 years

Doris Anne (Humphries) Ford, 88, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover.

Mrs. Ford was born in North Andover and raised and educated in North Andover and Andover.

She lived in Boynton Beach, Fla., during the early 1980s.

Mrs. Ford was a member of Andover Chapter 187 Order of the Eastern Star for more than 50 years.

She was the widow of Henry Ford. Graveside services were held Friday at West Parish Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Charles F. Dewhurst Funeral Home in Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston.

## Roberta L. Fraser Former resident was active in Doherty School's PTO

Roberta L. (Wooster) Fraser, 62, of North Andover died Saturday, Sept. 4, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen.

Mrs. Fraser was born in Beloit, Wisc., and graduated from Janesville High School in Janesville, Wisc.

The former Andover resident was in retail management for the past 20 years.

She was active in Doherty School's

PTO, was a member of the board of directors at the nursery school at Free Christian Church and was a den mother. She enjoyed sewing, needlepoint and photography.

Members of her family include her husband of 36 years, James H. Fraser of North Andover; daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Ronald Bourdeau of Millbury; sons, David J. Fraser of Cleveland, Ohio, Daniel J. Fraser of Bedford, N.H., and Adam P. Fraser of Salem, N.H.; sister, Katherine Jeager of Washington Island, Wisc.; brother, Horace Wooster of Sante Fe, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Dewhurst and Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home at 7 p.m. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Cancer Management Center, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844.

## George C. Levi Jr. Died after a short illness

George C. (Skippy) Levi Jr., 54, of Andover died Friday, Sept. 3, at Lawrence General Hospital, after a short illness.

Mr. Levi was born in San Diego, Calif.

Members of his family include his mother, Virginia (Conybear) Levi of Andover; daughters, Karla and Amy Levi; sisters, Jolene Monroe of Methuen, Kathy Schregardus of Somerville, Barbara Skinner of

Stoneham and Diane Konieczny of Montana; two aunts; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation took place at Linwood Cemetery in Haverhill.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

## Marjorie S. Zecchini Was first female employee allowed to work in 1936 at former National Bank

Marjorie S. (Sherman) Zecchini, 95, of Hampstead, N.H., died Thursday, Sept. 2, at Penacook Place Nursing Home in Haverhill.

Mrs. Zecchini was born and educated in Andover. She graduated from Pinkerton Academy in Derry, N.H.

Mrs. Zecchini taught at Briggs-Allen School in Andover until she joined the staff of the former National Bank as the first female employee allowed to work in 1936. After she retired she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Zecchini was a deacon of South Church and active in two women's groups. She was also secretary to the Andover Council of Churches.

Mrs. Zecchini was an assistant in Kimball Public Library in Atkinson, N.H. She managed the Fannie Farmer candy shop in Haverhill after her husband died.

She had been a deacon, collector and treasurer and was active in the Women's Fellowship and Bible Study at Atkinson Congregational Church and was a member of Rockingham County Co-Operative Extension Ser-

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George C. Levi Jr., 54

Priscilla A. Reeves, 58

Ronald A. Shamberger, 58

Robert J. Strauss, 70

Joseph F. Vinciguerra, 93

Marjorie S. Zecchini, 95

vice.

The avid reader and knitter was known in the Atkinson and Hampstead communities for her work caring for children and the elderly into her 80s.

Members of her family include her sons and daughters-in-law, Allan and Norma Zecchini of Salem, N.H., and Rev. Leonard and Ruth Zecchini of Lyndeborough, N.H.; sister, Betty S. Peterson of Orlando, Fla.; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of Richard M. Zecchini.

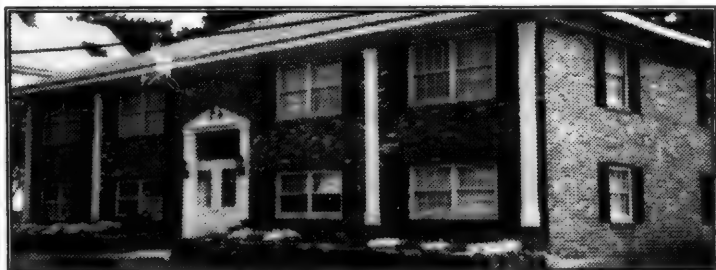
Funeral services were held Saturday at Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home in Salem, N.H. Burial was in Fox Hill Cemetery in Billerica.

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## Late Deaths

**VINCIGUERRA** - Judge Joseph F. Vinciguerra, 93, of Andover died Tuesday, Sept. 7.

The Lawrence native served as Judge of the Municipal Court of Enfield, N.H., and was a former member of the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges and the New Hampshire Municipal Judges Association.

Members of his family include his wife, Erminia (Bonacorso) Vinciguerra; son and daughter-in-law, Salvatore J. and Grace Vinciguerra of Newton; daughters, Concettina S. Vinciguerra and Camelina and her husband Leo Hennessy, all of Andover; a sister, Mary Tartaro of Mountain View, Calif.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, Sept. 9, at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

A funeral Mass will be said tomorrow, Friday, at 9 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, Andover.

Burial will follow in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

## Deaths Elsewhere

**FLANAGAN** - William F. Flanagan, 66, of Lawrence died Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen.

Members of his family include his daughter, Shelly Flanagan of Andover.

**REEVES** - Priscilla A. "Pat" (Ball) Reeves, 58, of Malden, formerly of Merrimack, N.H., died Saturday, Sept. 4, at Winchester Hospital.

Members of her family include her brother, John R. Ball III of Andover.

**SHAMBERGER** - Ronald A. Shamberger, 58, died Monday, Aug. 30, at Vencor Hospital in Brighton after a lengthy illness.

Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Lauren M. and Paul F. Giggey of Andover.

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# NEWS FOR SENIORS

## By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center.

### 'Message in a Bottle'

This recent hit movie will be shown Monday, Sept. 13, at 1 p.m. The movie, starring Kevin Costner and Robin Wright Penn, is based on the best-selling novel by Nicholas Sparks. No reservations are necessary.

### Visiting artist series

Sue Daly will be the visiting artist Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. She will demonstrate watercolor using triads. The cost is \$5 and pre-registration is appreciated. The monthly demonstrations are open to anyone who enjoys watching an artist at work.

### AARP meeting

The AARP group will meet Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the center. Peter Johnson-Staub will address the topic of Y2K. (Story, page 48.)

### Literature discussion course

Literature instructor Maureen O'Neill will conduct an eight-week "Nature through Literature" course beginning Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 and a reading

list is available at the center.

### Butterfly Place and Fruitlands Tea Room

A trip to the beautiful Butterfly Place, followed by lunch at Fruitlands Tea Room and a tour of the Fruitlands Museums, is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 16. Cost is \$27 to be paid at time of reservation.

### Men's breakfast

The men's breakfast will resume Friday, Sept. 17, at 8:30 a.m. Panel members Marianne Quirk, R.N., Reiki master; Chris Stucchi, doctor of chiropractic; and Paul Madden, R.N., licensed acupuncturist, will discuss alternative health options. All senior men are welcome. Cost is \$3, call the center for a reservation.

### Brown bag lecture

The first brown bag of the season will be Tuesday, Sept. 21, at noon. "Nantucket Through the Seasons" will be presented by naturalist Marcia Wilson, who lived on the island for 12 years. She will give a rare glimpse at wildflowers, birds, salt marshes and other hidden treasures. Cost is \$2.

### Senior \$1,000 club

Winners for August were

Francis Walsh, \$1,000; Al Del-Trecc, \$100; Millie Waldie, Walter McNamara, Robert Houlden and Lesley Whitley. Agent winners were Edna Powell and Charlie Waldie.

### Welcome-back breakfast and forum

All seniors are invited to a welcome-back continental breakfast and informational forum Friday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m. Get an update on important information regarding the new senior center lease and the senior center building project. Call the center for a reservation.

### Legislative issues for seniors

A senior issues forum on Friday, Sept. 24, at 9 a.m. will cover the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, Medicare initiatives, patients' bill of rights legislation and national and state senior center issues. David Stevens, executive director of Massachusetts Association of Councils on Aging, and Glen Koocher, Northeast regional director of AARP, will be the speakers. Refreshments will be served. Call the center.

### Computer lecture and presentation

The senior center, in cooperation with Memorial Hall Library, will sponsor a "Windows on the World" computer program Thursday, Sept. 16, at 10 a.m. in the second-floor meeting room at the library. The event will include a computer demonstration, question-and-answer session and presentation on hardware, software and the Internet. Everyone is welcome.

### Pot luck supper and movie night

A pot luck supper will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, and the movie, *A Civil Action*, starring John Travolta, will be shown. Sign up at the center to bring your favorite dish.

### Water aerobics

The next session of water aerobics will begin Monday, Sept. 27, at the Holiday Inn on Route 133 from 9 to 10 a.m. The eight-week session costs \$15. Register at the center.

### Supper club

This month's trip will be to the Village Inn Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 5 p.m. The price is \$15 and menu choices are available at the center. New-

comers are always welcome.

### Mentor net project

The center is looking for seniors who would like to engage in a fun and educational computer project with Andover High School students during the current school year. Seniors will have the opportunity to share their experiences of effective life and work-related skills. Call Pat at the center for more information.

### Information session set

Marland Place at 15 Stevens St. will host an informative presentation by The Elder Information Resource Group. Assisted living, elder law issues, long-term care insurance, home care benefits, Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Alzheimer's care and rehabilitation and long term care information will be discussed. The group consists of Attorney Ray Cannon, Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Alzheimer's Association, Metlife Insurance, Marland Place of Andover, Home Health VNA and Mariner Nursing and Rehab.

RSVP to Joanne Souza at 475-4225 by Sept. 29. Lunch will be provided.

## OBITUARIES

### Marjorie S. Zecchini

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Atkinson Congregational Church Memorial Fund, 101 Main St., Atkinson, N.H. 03811.

### Robert J. Strauss

#### Vice president of Jo-Gal Shoe

Robert Jacob Strauss, 70, of Greenacres, Fla., died Sunday, Aug. 22.

The former Andover resident was a graduate of Lawrence High. He had also lived in Alton Bay, N.H.

Mr. Strauss was vice president of Jo-Gal Shoe.

He was president of Temple Emanuel Brotherhood and commodore of the Coast Guard Auxiliary of the First Coast Guard district.

Members of his family include his wife, Lillian (Froman) Strauss; daughters and sons-in-law, Myrna and Dr. Howard Zetlan of Andover, and Sandra and Mark Gordon of Ellicott City, Md.; son, Frederick Strauss of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at Eternal Light Memorial Gardens.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 6401 Congress Ave., #265, Boca Raton, FL 33487-2842.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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center is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and is one of five in the country.

A proposed 18-unit apartment building will top a full agenda for the Planning Board, as neighbors of the planned Longwood Corners apartments at High and Haverhill streets are expected to again express their concerns over traffic and drainage issues. The board will review Longwood site plans and likely make a decision

at a future meeting.

Linnea Girshenberg, director of the Shawsheen Early Childhood Center, has recently returned from a work-related trip to Uganda in East Africa, where she spent three years with her family from 1969 to 1971 developing the country's early childhood and nursery school programs. She is encouraged by the hope to move ahead in education seen in the Ugandan people.

— Compiled by Joe Vieira

## RELIGION NEWS

Sunday morning worship and Sunday School at 10 a.m. return to the Sanctuary at **West Parish Church** at 129 Reservation Road Sunday, Sept. 12.

Homecoming at 9:45 a.m. will be followed by 10:30 a.m. worship Sunday, Sept. 12, at **South Church** at 41 Central St. Punch will be served at the parsonage at 11:45 a.m.

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**BrookRidge Community Church** is offering a seven-week series on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. entitled "Home Improvement."

"Family relationships are difficult one way or another," says William D. Watson, pastor. "It's easy to get stuck because we lack the power or insight. At times we may feel powerless to

change our situation. This practical series, entitled 'Home Improvement,' is designed to help all of us to improve our family values and relationships."

The topics are:

Sept. 19: Teenagers: People God didn't create.

Sept. 26: Tools to resolve conflict.

Oct. 3: How to ruin a rela-

tionship.

Oct. 10: Building a spiritual foundation.

Oct. 17: What kids need most every day.

Oct. 24: Relieving financial pressures.

BrookRidge is an interdenominational church, which meets at 16 Haverhill St. (Route 133). For more information, call the church office at 682-0302.

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**Ballardvale United Church** on Clark Road will host Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 12, at 10:30 a.m. to kick off the beginning of the new church year. New church school teachers will be introduced and the junior and senior choirs will present special music.

A picnic at Ballardvale Park

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# Business

## Business briefs ...



James Fisher



Gordon Turow

### Fisher, Turow made vice presidents at HNTB

HNTB Corp. has announced the appointments of **Gordon E. Turow**, ASLA and **James D. Fisher**, PE, both of Andover, to associate vice president.

As director of planning and site development for HNTB's Northeast region, Turow manages and designs projects for private and public sector clients. Fisher, a specialist in the design and management of structural engineering projects, will retain leadership of HNTB's structural department.

Turow's solutions to complex design challenges have received numerous design awards. He has published several articles and often speaks at industry events and conferences on revitalization of urban waterfronts. In his 19 years with HNTB, he has specialized in site planning, urban design, and landscape architecture for intermodal transportation facilities, airports, and land development projects. His areas of expertise also include the planning and design of college campuses, parks, and the development of urban waterfronts.

Recent aviation projects include the T.F. Green Airport, Manchester Airport, Logan Airport, and Nantucket Airport. Land development projects include the South Station Transportation Center, Providence Convention Center, and the Central Artery/Tunnel Charles River Crossing (currently under construction). The new Boston Convention Center and Southbay Corridor/Fort Point Channel Restoration projects are expected to begin shortly.

Fisher has served as project manager or project engineer for prominent local and regional projects, including the Brightman Street Bridge Replacement in Fall River and Somerset; the Route 146/Massachusetts Turnpike Interchange in Worcester and Millbury; and the T.F. Green State Airport Expansion in Warwick, R.I.

With HNTB since 1977, Fisher was project manager for the design and construction of the \$30-million bridge replacement over the Mystic River in Somerville/Everett, which earned two awards from the American Consulting Engineers Council and American Concrete Institute.

The Lechmere Canal Bridge in Cambridge, for which Fisher served as project

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## MediaOne a target in Net access battle

In the wild, untamed world of cyberspace, Andover-based MediaOne is still very much a David to Goliaths like America Online.

MediaOne, still best known as a cable television provider, has in recent years expanded into both telecommunications and Internet service, with so-called broadband connections that transmit information as much as 10 times faster than the best telephone modems.

But MediaOne has perhaps one million Internet customers, according to spokesman **Rick Jenkinson**. America Online has about 18 million.

So a move by America Online and some other Internet providers to seek legislation that would require MediaOne to make its broadband lines available to all of them is causing some major road rage on the information highway.

The companies, like AOL, that are pushing for such legislation have framed the argument in terms of "open access," saying that the cable companies shouldn't be allowed to keep such a transmission system to themselves, and that it would lead to a monopoly of the Web.

They point to the telephone companies, which are required to make their networks available to competitors, and say Internet access networks should be the same.

And AOL and its supporters cleared a legal hurdle this past week, when Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas Reilly ruled that the open access question was valid for Massachusetts voters to decide in a referendum, which may make it to the November 2000 ballot, if proponents can collect the 70,000 signatures necessary.

But MediaOne, which will probably challenge Reilly's ruling in court, views it as if Goliath's relatives, seeing the effectiveness of David's slingshot, had demanded that he turn the slingshot over to them.

"Our Internet service is open for customers to go anywhere," Jenkinson says, "so it is fundamentally wrong to say that we don't provide open access. If our customers want to use America Online, they can."

"The fundamental issue is that AOL wants the government to require us to give our bandwidth to them. The fact is, we'd love to have them on it. We even approached them five years ago, but they weren't interested."

They're interested now, Jenkinson says, because they realize that broadband "is a better mousetrap," but they don't want to get access to it through a business relationship.

"We took the risk," he says. "We spent \$1.3 billion here in the North-



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

**Open competition — That's what MediaOne says it wants, in the war for Internet travelers. But it doesn't want to have to share its portion of the information highway with rivals.**

east, and now they want us to give that away."

MediaOne and other cable companies argue that the situation is not the same as it was with telephone networks, which existed for years as a monopoly because it was a regulated utility. Once it was deregulated, there would have been no way for competitors to enter the marketplace if they had to build networks that the phone companies already had in place.

MediaOne has some vocal supporters, among them a Washington, D.C.-based organization called Hands Off the Internet, which argues in print and on its own Web page that the ballot initiative is simply an effort by AOL and others to "further their business interests over the benefits of competition."

Peter Arnold, a spokesman for Hands Off the Internet, takes it a step further, charging that, far from companies like MediaOne having a monopoly, it is the AOLs of the world that are trying to protect what is close to a monopoly from competition from the cable companies.

In general, both say such legislation would set a dangerous precedent, since it would begin to regulate the Internet, which has so far remained remarkably free of regulation, and become cheaper and more accessible to millions as a result.

So far, Federal Communications Commission Chairman **William Kennard** seems to agree with that position.

In a recent op ed column in *The Wall Street Journal*, Kennard said he believes it is "in the national interest to have a national broadband policy."

But that policy, he said, should not



Jenkinson — We took the risks.

be one of regulation. "We cannot regulate against problems that have yet to materialize in a market that has yet to develop," he said.

Kennard said instead, the FCC has tried to encourage competition, by making more spectrum available to wireless operators, by helping local phone services provide their own high-speed Internet access with so-called DSLs, or digital subscriber lines.

"And we've decided to allow the cable companies to go ahead with their efforts to deploy broadband access without preemptive regulation, even as we closely monitor the marketplace for anti-competitive behavior."

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From the left, Dawn Bourassa, Jennifer Sciacca, Dr. Richard J. Simons, Phyllis Olitsky, and Michelle Baltier

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The staff at **Reading Dental** offers all aspects of comprehensive dentistry in their office located at 270 Main Street in Reading.

Headed by Richard Simon, D.M.D., the staff also includes, Dawn Bourassa, dental assistant and Michelle Baltier, hygienist. They specialize in all areas of general dentistry including bridges and crowns, implants, extractions, dentures, and cosmetic dentistry. **Reading Dental** completes its staff with office manager, Phyllis Olitsky and Jennifer Sciacca, who works the front desk.

Dr. Simon says that cosmetic dentistry has become very popular with many of his patients seeking teeth

bleaching. "There are several alternatives to whitening teeth. Under our supervision at **Reading Dental**, you can whiten your teeth with a safe, effective, and comfortable process in the privacy of your home," said Dr. Simon. Other cosmetic procedures include bonding and porcelain veneers.

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Andover resident, Richard Simon,

D.M.D. graduated from Tufts Dental School and has maintained a practice in Reading for the past 10 years. He is affiliated with the National Society of Dental Practitioners, Tri-Valley Dental Study Club, and did a residency at Wrentham State Hospital. He is a proud sponsor and provider of free dental services to the Chernobyl Children Project - Reading. **Reading Dental** is presently accepting new patients and offers emergency dental service and evening appointments. The office is also handicapped accessible. Call (781) 944-5020 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

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# BUSINESS

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engineer, was selected for a design excellence award by the American Institute of Steel Construction. This was the first state-owned bridge to receive this award in 20 years.

Fisher joined HNTB following his graduation from Northeastern University with a BS in civil engineering, where he also earned a master of science degree.

Turow earned a bachelor of fine arts and bachelor of landscape architecture degrees from Rhode Island School of Design. He is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Boston Society of Landscape Architects, Urban Land Institute, and the Transportation Research Board's National Committee on Environment and Landscape Design. Turow is a registered landscape architect in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

HNTB Corporation is an architecture, engineering, and planning firm with more than 60 locations nationwide.

## United Way 'pacesetters' launch fund drive

United Way of Merrimack Valley recently kicked off its Pacesetter campaign at First Essex Bank. This year's Pacesetter group consists of 23 companies that will hold early employee campaigns to "jump-start" the annual fund-raising drive. Pacesetters set the tone of the entire campaign, which raised \$5.2 last year.

The following local companies are Pacesetters: Andover Bank, First Essex Bank, Fred C. Church Inc. and Yankee Alliance.

Thom Clark, the 1999-2000 annual campaign chair and CEO of Saints Memorial Hospital, announced his challenge for the campaign, a 20-percent increase in campaign dollars. Clark said that despite great economic times, the

additional funds are needed to address health and social service issues such as day care, positive youth programs, domestic violence, the elderly and the working poor.

"The programs addressing these issues are seeing a dramatic increase in demand," said Clark. "We simply need to raise more money to keep providing the quality services and programs United Way is known for. It is up to all of us to 'Make a Difference in Our Community.' I am confident these 23 Pacesetter companies will get the 1999-2000 campaign off to a great start."

Through United Way's 53 member agencies, the annual employee campaign supports 118 programs provided by health and human service organizations in the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire. United Way is also involved in community initiatives such as Success by 6 and the Voluntary Action Center.

## Wheeler PR chosen by Genesys Software

Wheeler PR & Marketing, of Andover, announced that it has been chosen PR agency of record by Genesys Software Systems Inc., the Methuen-based provider of innovative outsourcing and software applications for human-resource (HR) management and payroll services.

"Genesys has done what very few companies in its business have accomplished — flourished for more than 16 years in the highly competitive software industry. More recently, it has pushed into new frontiers by introducing a unique full-service outsourcing offering," said Wheeler principal Frances Y.J. Wheeler. "It's an honor to be chosen to help make HR, payroll, and benefits professionals aware of what Genesys can do for them."

"Frances Wheeler's knowledge of applications outsourcing and the commercial software industry made Wheeler PR & Marketing a logical choice for Genesys," said Lisa

Rowan, director of marketing for Genesys.

Wheeler PR & Marketing provides public-relations and marketing-communications services to high-technology companies such as Incentive Systems Inc.; Open Market Inc.; Plaut Consulting; Tally Systems Corp.; and Walker Interactive Systems.

## Dynamics Research sells a portion of its business

Dynamics Research Corp., of Andover, has completed the sale of its telecommunications fraud control business to Amdocs Limited, an international provider of customer care, billing and other systems to telecommunications customers.

DRC received \$1.7 million at closing, and is entitled to royalties up to \$1.8 million over the next three years based on Amdocs fraud control product sales.

This transaction will be reported in DRC's second-quarter results and is expected to result in an after-tax gain of approximately \$1.3 million. Any royalties will be recognized when received.

The company also announced its plan to fully write down its investment in Empresa Inc. of Cambridge. Empresa continues to pursue its strategy of developing electronic commerce solutions for financial institutions and commercial companies. However, DRC decided that a write down of its investment is appropriate, due to the business uncertainties of the early-stage business. The net-of-tax impact of the write down is expected to be approximately \$8 million in the second quarter.

Dynamics Research Corp. develops and operates computer and communication-intensive information systems, provides engineering and management support services, and produces precision-manufactured components for industrial measurement and control.

## Andover Bancorp income down for quarter, but up for the year

Andover Bancorp, Inc. announced second-quarter income of \$4.7 million, 73 cents per share (71 cents diluted), compared to \$5.3 million, 81 cents per share (78 cents diluted), for the corresponding quarter in 1998.

For the six months ended June 30, 1999, net income totaled \$9.5 million, 46 cents per share (\$1.42 diluted) as compared with \$9 million, \$1.38 per share (\$1.34 diluted) for the same period in 1998. The first quarter and six-months results for 1999 included a pretax gain of \$1.1 million from the curtailment of the pension plan. The second quarter and six months results for 1998 included a pretax credit for loan losses of approximately \$2.2 million.

The company also announced that its board of directors declared a cash dividend of 21 cents per

share. The dividend is payable Aug. 17, to stockholders of record on Aug. 2.

Gerald T. Mulligan, president and chief executive officer, said, "We are pleased with our continued strong results. Solid loan growth (up 10 percent annualized from Dec. 31, 1998), an increase in spread, and lower operating expenses have contributed to strong earnings growth. Net interest income is up 12 percent for the first half of 1999 compared to the same time period last year. The net interest margin has risen to 3.4 percent from 3.15 percent for the six month periods ended June 30, 1999 and 1998, respectively. The company's efficiency ratio, or the percentage of total revenues allocated to overhead, was 42 percent for the year-to-date, versus 50 percent for the same period in 1998.

Year-to-year loan growth has been primarily centered in commercial and construction loans, which have risen 35 percent from June 30, 1998. Asset quality improvement continued during the second quarter of 1999 as non-accruing loans declined below \$3 million, total overdue loans declined to \$5.4 million and net recoveries from previously charged-off loans totaled \$120,000 during the second quarter of 1999 and \$788,000 for the first six months of 1999.

Andover Bancorp Inc. is the holding company parent of Andover Bank, a Massachusetts-chartered savings bank organized in 1834 and headquartered in Andover.

## Bernardin honored for sales



Daniel Bernardin

Daniel C. Bernardin, of Merrimack, N.H., a resident manager for Allied American Insurance Agency's Andover office at 60 Main St., became one of the first members in the company's Presidents Club.

The group was established to recognize outstanding sales performance, according to Mark I. Levine, executive vice president of the Natick-based insurance agency with 19 offices in

Massachusetts, Vermont and Connecticut.

Bernardin was one of seven Presidents Club members.

"Dan made an enormous contribution to the overall success of our company in 1998," said Levine. "Because of his hard work, he set a very high standard for our entire organization."

Allied American Insurance President and CEO Hope Aldrich, Levine and Executive Vice President John Koegel hosted the group at a recognition award meeting at Jacksonville, Fla.'s Amelia Island Plantation.

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# Sports

## AHS fall varsity previews: A look at girls soccer, field hockey

By Rick Harrison

*The Townsman continues previews of 1999 Andover High fall varsity sports teams today with girls soccer and field hockey.*

### GIRLS SOCCER

Andover High girls varsity soccer coach Dick Loschi has a "problem" every coach would love to face.

"The program continues to grow each year," said Loschi. "There are a lot of talented younger players whose ability and skills are very similar."

"That makes it much harder to make decisions (cuts). We're losing some very good players because there aren't enough roster spots available."

This fall the overstocked Lady Warriors return nine letterwinners, including six starters, from a 14-5 team that earned the program's ninth Merrimack Valley

Conference title and 13th Division 1 North Tournament berth in 14 years.

AHS won its final four regular season games last fall to finish one point ahead of archrival Billerica atop the MVC standings, and then lost its tourney opener 1-0 to Newton South.

Coach Loschi needs seven wins to reach another major milestone, 200 career victories, entering the season with a 193-55-29 overall won-lost-tied record.

The opener is next Tuesday afternoon at Haverhill.

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Key graduates were goalkeeper Kaitlin Dargan (attending Salve Regina) and Katie Sullivan (10 goals), along with Ingrid Lapsa (six goals), Courtney Famiglietti, Danielle Massiello, Beth Schapira, Kelly Walsh, Adrienne Ciampa and Shannon Callahan-Higgins.

Dargan posted six shutouts last season and backup keeper Schapira added three whitewashes.

Heading the list of returnees are senior midfielder and Capt. Jessie DeFrancisco and senior defender and Capt. Amy Axelrod.

Other starters back are senior midfielder Kasey Dexter, senior defenders Brittany Traynor and Diana Petersen, and junior forward Lisa Tisbert.

Dexter led the 1998 team in scoring with 12 goals and seven assists, while Tisbert contributed 12 goals and two assists.

Other lettermen are senior forward Megan Munroe, who had four goals and nine assists, senior forward Allison Corey (six goals, four assists) and senior midfielder Caitlin Murray.

Five seniors new to the varsity are forwards Audra Alexander, Alexis Contos and Erica Tebbetts, midfielder Siobhan Daniels and

goalkeeper Anna Vining.

First-year varsity underclassmen are junior defender Jen Annese, junior midfielder Christina Baraby, junior goalie Taylor Traub, sophomore forward Katie Kramer, sophomore midfielder Kaitlin Hill, sophomore defender Lisa Tylus, sophomore goalkeeper Kaitlin Hyde and freshman midfielder Jenny Muller.

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"Our major strengths are on defense and through the midfield where we have the most veterans," said Loschi. "We'll need production from the new forwards to be successful."

"We're unproven in goal. The three candidates for No. 1 are all skilled and athletic, but they need to get experience under fire."

"MVC Division 1 should be between Andover and Billerica again (only two teams who have won the title)."

"I see improvement in several of the Division 2 schools, like Dracut and Central Catholic, whose girls' soccer programs are relatively new," added Loschi.

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The Lady Warriors have an expanded 20-game schedule this fall which includes seven non-league contests against Notre Dame Academy of Hingham (home-and-home), Marian High of Framingham, Bishop Fenwick of Peabody, Pentucket Regional of West Newbury, MVC rival Central Catholic and neighbor North Andover.

AHS won its first two pre-season scrimmages, beating Waltham 5-1 and Pentucket 3-2, and had other practice games scheduled against Wilmington and multi-time state Division 1 champ Winchester.

• Karl Lippmann returns as JV

coach and Kathy McDermott as freshman coach.

### FIELD HOCKEY

After finishing just four points shy of a Division 1 North Tournament berth last fall, the Andover High girls varsity field hockey team will be looking to extend its 1999 season by bettering that 5-9-4 record.

Four of last year's losses were by one goal and four others by two goals.

The Lady Warriors allowed only 20 goals in 18 games, but the locals' offense was only able to counter with 13. AHS posted five shutouts but also failed to score in 10 games.

Key graduates were goaltender Mimi Ying (five shutouts), captains Carli Jaffe and Ellen Casper, forward Anne Barmettler (four goals) and midfielder Liz Wheeler.

The good news is two of last year's top three scorers, junior forward Lindsay Shaheen and junior midfielder Abby Dennehy, are among the four returning starters.

Shaheen netted four goals and Dennehy had three.

Other starters are senior midfielder and Capt. Colleen Bateson and senior defender/Capt. Marissa Wolfe.

Four other lettermen are also back, senior forward Sarah Maltzman, junior defenders Melissa Currier and Laura Mertes, and sophomore defender Kara Spang.

New to the varsity this fall are senior defender Jenny Detterman, junior sweeper Leslie Adams, junior midfielder Setterah Massihzadegan and junior goaltender Missy Rauseo.

Sophomores hoping to make an immediate impact are forwards Robyn Ginsberg, Elysia Yet, Joan

Moffit, Loren Munro, defender Meg Reilly and goaltender Angelica Rotsart.

Rotsart caused a minor stir last spring by playing on the freshman baseball team.

Completing the 20-player varsity is the lone freshman, forward Stephanie Casper.

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The original turnout of 65 candidates was among the highest ever for AHS field hockey.

"The girls have returned from the summer in good playing shape," said second-year head coach Maureen Noone. "We're a young team but I can see improvement every day."

"We have excellent team speed and three strong candidates to plug the goaltender spot vacated by Mimi (Ying). Hopefully we'll do more scoring this year."

"The (Merrimack Valley) Conference will be strong again with Chelmsford, Tyngsboro and Methuen looking especially tough," said Noone.

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• Andover opens the season this afternoon at Lawrence (3:45 p.m.).

• The Lady Warriors participated in the Danvers Jamboree and scrimmaged Middlesex League member Stoneham earlier this week.

• Noone, who played her high school field hockey at Stoneham, previously coached for six years at Wilmington High including three as varsity head.

• Returning as assistant coaches are Mary Ann Gillis (JV) and recently-married Meg Hoke (freshmen).

• Andover will play first-time opponent Swampscott in home-and-home non-league games this fall.

### Registration for this weekend's DCS Tennis Tournament closes today

The Andover Department of Community Services will sponsor its annual Open Tennis Tournament this weekend at the Andover High courts.

Competition will be in men's and women's singles and doubles, along with mixed doubles, at the novice, intermediate and advanced levels.

The entry fee is \$5 per person/per event.

Entry blanks are available at the Andover Hockey Shop, Athletes Corner and the DCS office.

Entries close today at 4:30 p.m.



Buddy Farnham, the son of Mark and Jayne Farnham of 55 Chandler Circle, was selected to the Massachusetts Under 12 Lacrosse All-Star team. The team competed in a national tournament at Troy, N.Y., June 25-27. Twenty-two players are selected from the 2,000 players participating in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League Under 12 Division. The midfielder played on the second midfield line and was on the man down unit. His team had a 6-0 record over the weekend, defeating Team Florida, New Hampshire, Team Texas, Ohio Selects, Northern California and the Maine Selects. A tournament representative said, "This is the finest under-12 team that Massachusetts has ever sent." ►



◀ The Andover 12-year-old National League All-Star team, last year's winners of the Tournament of Champions, took the runner-up spot this summer. Shown, from left, top row, are Tournament Commissioner Jack Conway, Mark Margiotta, Assistant Coach Jack Formichella, Jack Thorlin (tournament MVP), Mark Hitchko, Jon Hillman, Coach Bob Burke, John Formichella, Dan Murphy. Bottom row: Lino Patti, Dan Robichaud, Pat McCarron, Peter Burke-Wallace. Team members not shown are Coach George Ellis, Jordan Ellis, Sean Wadland and Ryan Greeley.

# SPORTSTALK

## By Rick Harrison

*This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth standouts and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to the office at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, 01810; or fax it to 978-470-2819.*

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**Jen Prudden** of Andover, co-winner of the Most Improved Player Award on the 1998 Colby-Sawyer College women's soccer team, returns this fall as a senior tri-captain of the squad.

Prudden stepped into the starting goalkeeper role last year and recorded a 1.83 goals-against average with six shutouts. She had a stingy 0.68 GAA and three shutouts versus Commonwealth Coast Conference opponents as CSC went 6-1-1 in league play and 9-10-1 overall.

Her 41 saves against powerhouse Plymouth State marked the highest single-game total, men or women, in the nation at all NCAA levels.

Prudden has overcome anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) reconstruction, and had some follow-up work done to her knee last spring after the alpine ski season.

The second-team conference All-Star, a dean's list student, has received the Barbara Stearns Johnson Award and a Distinguished Service Award at Colby-Sawyer.

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**Tom Clarke** of Andover, a 6'7" righthanded pitcher for the UMass Lowell baseball team, was named New England Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Year and was the only UML player to be named first-team All-Conference for the 1999 spring season.

Clarke finished 8-0 and led the NECC in ERA (2.27) while finishing tied for second in wins. He was the league's only undefeated pitcher among those with more than five decisions.

UMass Lowell finished 36-9 overall, reaching the NCAA Northeast Regional title game where it lost to Adelphi, 9-8, and missed out on the NCAA Division 2 World Series in Clarke's birthplace of Montgomery, Ala.

Adelphi went on to Montgomery and was bounced from the double-elimination event, winning its first game before losing the next two.

Clarke spends time umpiring AAU youth baseball games throughout the area, and is considering a career in umpiring if he is not drafted by a professional team

this summer.

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**Jennifer Schapira** of Andover, a women's soccer standout at the University of Redlands in southern California, was among 63 students at the school to receive Scholar-Athlete Awards at the 1999 Honors and Recognition Convocation.

To be eligible, students must have lettered in at least one varsity sport and maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better.

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**Rudy Morando** of Andover, a junior on the Northeastern University men's track team, uncorked a prodigious 198'11" javelin toss to finish second at the 1999 America East Championships.

The Husky men finished third in the team standings behind champion University of New Hampshire and runner-up Delaware.

In the New England Championships at UMaine-Orono, Morando helped NU to fifth place by finishing fifth in the javelin with a 193'4" toss.

Morando capped the campaign by placing fifth at the ECAC/IC4A Championships at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., with a personal-best toss of 209'6." It was

the best finish of any Northeastern athlete at the meet.

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**Nick Guild** of Andover has completed a strong freshman season for the Babson College baseball team.

A graduate of Pingree School in Hamilton, Guild appeared in nine of Babson's 35 games as a pitcher. He started seven games, completed two and finished as the team's only winning pitcher with a 4-3 record.

Babson posted a 12-23 overall record, ended the season on an up note with a 4-2, 4-1 doubleheader sweep of Framingham State College.

Guild played baseball for four years at Pingree and was team MVP as a senior last spring.

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**Allyson Ahern** of Andover was a member of the William Smith College women's varsity eight crew team that placed first and helped the school to an overall victory in the Champion International Regatta held on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester.

William Smith crossed the finish line in 7:12.4 ahead of boats from the University of New Hampshire, Williams College, Ithaca, Trinity and Mercyhurst.

William Smith has qualified for the NCAA Championships hosted

by California State University at Sacramento.

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**Nathan Efinger** of Andover, a sophomore at Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, placed first in both the triple jump and 300-meter intermediate hurdles at the New England Prep School Division 3 Track and Field Championships.

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**Elaine Licata** of Andover completed her third season with the Westfield State College women's varsity softball team.

The junior outfielder played in 24 of the 31 games for the Owls (9-22), batting .254 with 17 hits, seven RBI and five runs scored.

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**Sera Coppolino** of Andover, a graduate of Phillips Academy, was a member of the 1999 University of Michigan women's varsity crew team.

The 5'10" sophomore, a resource ecology management major and member of the Wolverines' varsity 8-plus, was captain of the PA crew team as a senior while earning prep school varsity letters in rowing, soccer and basketball.

Coppolino was a Michigan Athletic Academic Achievement honoree as a college freshman.

## LOCAL ATHLETES

**Andover Spirit**, a U13 girls' soccer team affiliated with the Andover Soccer Association, won the Essex County championship in the U14 Girls Division 2 category at the Pingree School Saturday, June 20. The team was seeded number 2 in its age bracket with a season record of 7-0-1. Spirit first defeated Newburyport Lightning by a score of 8-0. In its second game against Manchester Hurricanes, the result was 9-0, with goals scored by nine different Spirit players. Spirit defeated North Andover United in the finals by a score of 4-1, despite falling behind early in the game.

Elizabeth Pallotta was the leading goal scorer with four, while Catherine Kaczynski was the overall scoring leader with a total of seven points, followed by Michele Piazza with five and Nicole Lonero with four. In a display of balanced scoring, 11 Spirit players scored goals. Amy Swoboda in goal and the entire primary defensive unit, consisting of Marianne Murphy, Bridget MacLeod, Ashley McLaughlin, Amanda Carlson, Jeanne Lothrop and Loyal Hanna, played exceptionally well, allowing only one goal to be scored in the three games.

The following weekend, Spirit

played in the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst as the Essex County representative. Spirit won its bracket with a record of 2-0-1. The three games were: Bridgewater 2-0; Webster 0-0 and Dalton 3-0. In the semifinals, Spirit defeated local favorite Amherst, a previously undefeated team, by a score of 4-1, but lost in the finals to Natick, by a score of 1-0.

Erica Weeks was the scoring leader with three points, followed by Loyal Hanna, Meredith Johnson and Bridget MacLeod with two each. Again, the primary defen-

sive unit and goalkeeper played exceptionally well in all five games since the team allowed only two goals in the five games. The overall record for the spring season was 18 wins; 1 loss and 2 ties.

Spirit players, all from Andover, are: Jessica Birecki, Amanda Carlson, Loyal Hanna, Meredith Johnson, Catherine

Kaczynski, Matia Kostakis, Nicole Lonero, Jeanne Lothrop, Bridget MacLeod, Ashley McLaughlin, Marianne Murphy, Elizabeth Pallotta, Michele Piazza, Michelle Pirro, Rachel Shack, Amy Swoboda, Jessica Wailes and Erica Weeks. The coaches are Ron Kaczynski, Andy Birecki and Lou Piazza.



◀ At the Essex County championship are (from left) first row, Amy Swoboda, goalkeeper; kneeling, Bridget MacLeod, Catherine Kaczynski, Michele Piazza, Matia Kostakis, Jessica Wailes, Marianne Murphy and Loyal Hanna; standing, Jeanne Lothrop, Amanda Carlson, Meredith Johnson, Jessica Birecki, Elizabeth Pallotta, Ashley McLaughlin, Erica Weeks and Nicole Lonero. Coaches, Ron Kaczynski, Andy Birecki and Lou Piazza. (Missing: Michelle Pirro and Rachel Shack).



The MYSA Essex County & 13 District Select Team — After an exciting season, the U-13 district select team came in second place and won silver medals in the state tournament held Aug. 7 and 8 at Fort Devens. Back row: Coach Mark Daniels, Ryan Blaney, Steven Elia, Eamonn Murphy, Jeff Todd, Meade Curtis, Chris McCann, David Sheldon, Matt Kitsos, Josh Taylor, John Hayes, Coaches David Hayes and Don Sheldon. Middle row: Taylor Harrison, Tom Marino, Mike Rice, Colin Sullivan, Kevin Powers, Kevin Dolan, Danny McKallagat. Front: Chris Jones and Kevin Gargon. Missing is Jonathan Hootnick.



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# SCHOOL TALK

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**St. Augustine School**, will announce sign-ups at a later date.

**Cub Scout Pack 76**, serving **South Elementary School**, will hold sign-ups Thursday, Sept. 16, from 6 to 7 p.m. at South Elementary. A brief presentation will begin promptly at 6:15 p.m. For more information, call **Ellie Wilkin** at 749-4846.

**Cub Scout Pack 77**, serving **Shawsheen and West Elementary schools**, will conduct sign-ups Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Elementary School cafeteria.

**Cub Scout Pack 78**, serving **Pike School**, will hold sign-ups

Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 3:30 p.m. at Pike School.

**Cub Scout Pack 79**, serving **Shawsheen and West Elementary**

**schools**, will hold sign-ups Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Elementary School cafeteria.

**Cub Scout Pack 100**, serving **Sanborn School**, will hold sign-ups Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

**Tiger Cubs** is the Scout program for boys who are in first grade or are 6 years old. Cub Scouts is for boys ages 7 through 10. Boy Scouts is for boys in sixth grade to age 18.

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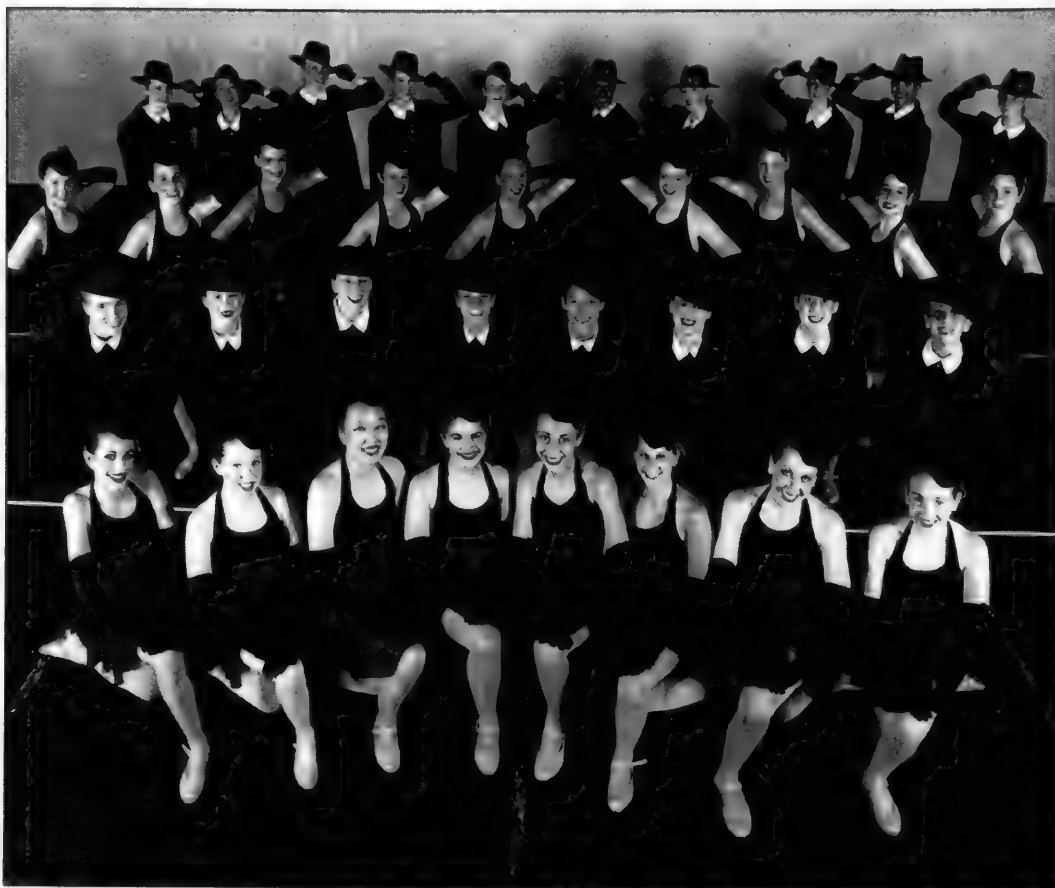
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Nancy Chippendale's dancers win national championship - Members of the dance company are, from left, front row: Stacy Robinson, Lauren Manzi, Sarah Chae, Kiera Fleno, Audra Torrisi, Nicolette Faro, Shawna Sullivan, Katelyn Leahy; second row: Travis Doucette, Erin Daly, Elisabeth Wheeler, Kelli Carberry, Karen Carberry, Brandi Feeney, Stacy LaFortune, Ellissa Cericola; third row: Andrea Gavriel, Kate Seferian, Katie Chines, Erin McCabe, Irene Farnham, Cheryl Biggio, Molly Dodge, Jennifer Salemi, Gina Luciano; fourth row: Katie Cavanaugh, Alison Pennelli, Amanda Mortenson, Kristen Twining, Katie Scally, Melissa Jiminez, Kara McDonough, Anna Floreen, Brittney Hebb, Meaghan Donovan.

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Nancy Chippendale's production tap dance, "Sing, Sing, Sing," was awarded the ultimate gold medal and a position in the finals of the **American Dance Awards'** 20th anniversary National Dance Competition at Boston's Park Plaza in July. They were then nominated to the top four finalists and then named the winner by the judges at the awards ceremony.

They also received a Special Judges Award for "Most Entertaining" and the \$1,000 cash award.

Andover resident **Travis Doucette** won an



Travis  
Doucette

ultimate gold award for his solo tap performance. He was also named male dancer of the year and Mr. Teen Headliner.

More than 4,000 dancers from the United States and Canada competed in the competition.

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**Northern Essex Community College** offers credit and noncredit courses at its Andover extension site, located at the **Greater Lawrence Technical School**, 57 River Road.

Credit courses, which began Sept. 8, include Basic Algebra II on Tuesdays, Sept. 14-Dec. 21, from 6 to 9:20 p.m., and Introduction to Psychology on Mondays, Sept. 13-Dec. 20, from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m.

Noncredit special interest courses start throughout the semester and include photography, sculpture, rug hooking, harmonica, makeup techniques, cake decorating, water aerobics, swim instruction (youth and adult), bartending, religion, chronic pain management, coaching, investing, legal issues, home buying, autobody repair, drafting, personal computers, AutoCAD2000, Internet, Microsoft Word 97 and Excel 97 (taught in English and Spanish).

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**Elizabeth Roldan**, a junior at Andover High School, has been named to the prestigious ABC National Mosser Leadership

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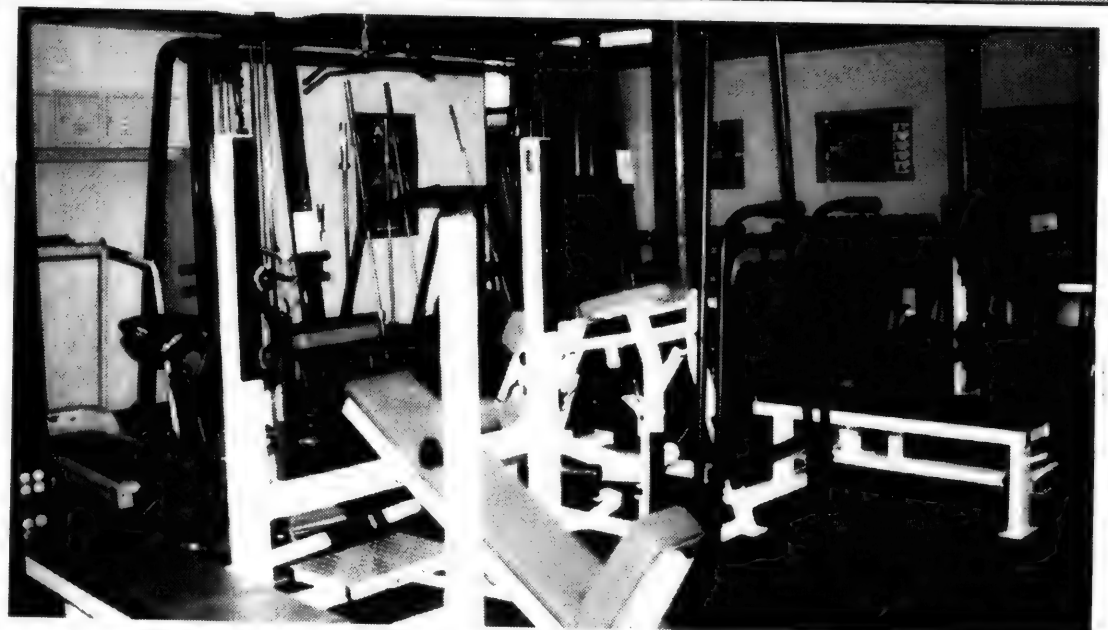
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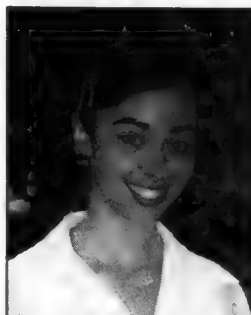
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Council. She took part in the council's three-day annual meeting June 16-20 in New York City, where the 11-member council of the national A Better Chance (ABC) program drew up its 1999-2000 plans.

"It was fun, challenging, and we learned so much," said Roldan, who is interested in social and political science. During the summer she lives with her Puerto Rican family in the Bronx, N.Y. Council members are

chosen from among 1,500 members of the 185 ABC programs at public and private secondary schools throughout the country. According to the citation from ABC national President Judith B. Griffin, they were chosen from among other outstanding scholars and leaders because they "seemed deter-



**Elizabeth Roldan**

mined to reach beyond a mere personal commitment to quality." Each council member stays in touch with five other ABC programs to share experiences and provide support. ABC programs place highly motivated

minority students in outstanding secondary schools. During her senior year at Andover High this fall, Roldan hopes she and other Andover ABC scholars can help set up a

student group with multicultural interests. The Thomas J. Mosser Leadership Council is named for its benefactor, an advertising executive who was one of the victims of a mail bomb allegedly sent by the Unabomber, Theodore Kaczynski.

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The People to People Student Ambassador Program, an overseas exchange opportunity for high school students, recently

sent three Andover High School students as delegates to Italy, France and Spain. Cara Chiaraluce, Tamsin Tyler and Amanda Camelio served as youth ambassadors of their school, community and country contributing to international friendships and communications abroad. People to People was founded in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to promote world peace and international understanding through direct contact between private and select citizens. Student ambassadors are able to earn high school and college credits for their participation, and the program is recognized by colleges and universities around the world.

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◀Talent show dancers - From left, Sarah Elaz, 7, Sam Lessard, 6, and Kristina Rex, 6, were just a few of the participants at the recent Brooks School Day Camp talent show. Sarah is the daughter of Linda and Joseph Elaz of North Andover; Sam is the son of Kristen and Brian Lessard of North Andover; and Kristina is the daughter of Mary Ann and John Rex of Andover.

## BUSINESS PROFILES



Owner Pierre Sahyouni with Pat Gardner, Aesthetician-Spa Therapist

### Salon Chez Pierre

Pierre Sahyouni is pleased to announce the arrival of Pat Gardner, Aesthetician-Spa Therapist to Salon Chez Pierre. Ms. Gardner brings a variety of personally tailored skin care and body treatments for both women and men to Pierre's quaint shop located in the Andover Inn.

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## BUSINESS PROFILES



From left, Tam, Jime, May, John, and Tony

### Peking Garden

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preparing every order to each customer's liking.

The restaurant continues its tradition of serving 10 different combination dishes throughout the day, with lunch specials offered between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

With every order of \$25, you receive an order of chicken wings or Chinese mixed vegetables. This offer is valid through October 31. Look for mailed coupon specials coming soon.

Call ahead for take-out service or, for a small fee of \$1.00, have your meal delivered anywhere in Andover, with no minimum order required. The

chefs are able to prepare and deliver meals for small or large groups and still accommodate any special requests. Peking Garden has other locations in Haverhill and Lawrence.

Peking Garden is located at 36-36A Park St., Andover. The restaurant is open seven days a week. Hours are Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

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## SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

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special events and babysitting and toy cooperatives, all geared toward mothers, fathers and young children."

For more information, call Michele Kerry at 475-2577.

### Know Your Town Fair coming Saturday, Sept. 18

More than 60 civic environmental, cultural, athletic, educational groups, service organizations and clubs will be represented at the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover's third Know Your Town Fair. The fair is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to noon in front of and around Old Town Hall on Main Street. If it rains, the fair will be held the following day, Sunday, Sept. 19.

The event is free of charge and everyone is welcome. The fair is designed around a block party theme and the two side streets alongside Old Town Hall, Barnard and Park streets, will be closed to traffic starting at the intersection of Main Street to the beginning of the municipal parking lot. The goal of the fair is to connect people with each other and local organizations that serve the community. Groups will have booths displaying materials about their organization and staff will be available to answer

questions.

For more information or to register, call Lisa Wilson at 623-8450.

### AARP meeting on Y2K set for Sept. 14

Peter Johnson-Staub, the project coordinator for Y2K in the town of Andover, will speak at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Andover-North Andover chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons meeting.

Johnson-Staub says that the problem is, unless changed or corrected, some unknown computer chips will not recognize the digits '00' as indicating the year 2000 because, to save space, early software designers omitted the first two digits of the year. The computers may assume it is the year 1900 instead of 2000. The problem is that millions of chips are embedded in small products. At meeting time there will be less than four months before the critical date is here.

The Y2K coordinator is optimistic that there will be few big problems for the town. But, if the unexpected happens, the town is prepared to go to manual back-up systems.

The meeting will be open to questions as to how individuals should prepare. What about stocking up with money, food, water, etc.? What will public attitude do to the American econo-

my and the stock market, etc.?

Beginning her second year as president with a veteran group of officers and directors, Eleanor Fritsch will announce meetings and community projects for the year. Every meeting begins with a business meeting, followed by refreshments and the program.

Members of national AARP may become members of the local chapter. Visitors are welcome.

#### TOWN OF ANDOVER



##### PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, September 28, 1999 at 7:45 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application made by Michael A. and Marion L. Demers for a 5-lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Demers Way" on property owned by the applicant located at 160 High Street, more specifically identified as parcels 105, 127 and 127A on assessor's map 19. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD  
Michael H. Miller, Esq.,  
Chairman  
September 9 & 16, 1999

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 99P1694-AA1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF ELIZABETH A. HILL

To all persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH A. HILL late of the County of Essex Date of Death, MAY 31, 1999

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by RITA RICE of Reading in the County of Essex, praying that she be appointed administratrix with the will annexed thereof without giving sureties on her bond. CHARLES F. DALTON, JUNIOR, first named executor is said will having declined.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem Probate Court, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON October 4, 1999.

**Wills only:** In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date August 31, 1999.

Pamela Casey O'Brien  
Register of Probate Court  
September 9, 1999

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 99P1849-EP1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF RUTH I. PRESCOTT otherwise known as RUTH PRESCOTT

To all persons interested in the estate of RUTH I. PRESCOTT otherwise known as RUTH PRESCOTT late of the County of Essex Date of Death, June 30, 1999

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that certain instruments be probated purporting to be the last will and codicil of said deceased by LINDA HAWKOM of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex and KAREN NELSON of Andover in the County of Essex, praying that they be appointed executrices thereof without giving sureties on her bond; and to the ATTORNEY GENERAL for said Commonwealth

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem Probate Court, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON September 27, 1999.

**Wills only:** In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date August 24, 1999.

Pamela Casey O'Brien  
Register of Probate Court  
September 9, 1999

#### TOWN OF ANDOVER



##### PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, at 8:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on the request of Andover Park Realty Trust to modify conditions number 4 and number 5 attached to Special Permit SP98-02 issued by the Board on July 1, 1998 for property situated at 800 Federal Street; said modification to allow the construction of certain parking spaces which were to be considered "reserve area" spaces in parking lot "B", and parking lot "C". The applicant's request and all documents associated therewith may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD  
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September 9 & 16, 1999

#### TOWN OF ANDOVER



##### PLANNING BOARD

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THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD  
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September 9 & 16, 1999

#### TOWN OF ANDOVER



##### PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, for the purpose of amending the Planning Board's Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land, and the Planning Board's Rules Governing Special Permit as follows:

(1) Amend Section III.E.2.f. of the subdivision rules and regulations by increasing the fee for legal advertising from \$100.00 to \$130.00;  
(2) Amend Section II of the subdivision rules and regulations by adding the following definition: "S. Turn-around (cul-de-sac): An area within the layout or right-of-way at the end of a street wherein a motor vehicle can reverse direction of movement."  
(3) Amend Section VI.C.4.g. of the subdivision rules and regulations by striking the first sentence thereof and replacing therewith the following sentence: "No existing street may be extended past its terminus or through its turn-around or cul-de-sac."; and by striking the words "dead-end" where they appear from the second sentence thereof;

(4) Amend Section 1.0 of the Rules Governing Special Permits by adding the following to the special permits listed thereunder: "(9) Elderly Housing, under Section VI.V of the Bylaw."; and adding the following subsections under Elderly Housing: "(a.) Long term care facility; (b.) Assisted living residence; (c.) Congregate care facility; (d.) Independent living residence"  
(5) Amend Section 4.0 of the Rules governing Special Permits by adding the following to the list of special permits, advertising fees, and filing and processing fees and fees thereunder: "Elderly Housing: (a.) Long term care facility \$130.00 \$200.00; (b.) Assisted living residence \$130.00 \$200.00 plus \$50.00 per assisted living unit; (c.) Congregate care facility \$130.00 \$200.00 plus \$50 per living unit; (d.) Independent living residence \$130.00 \$200.00"

(6) Amend Section 4.0 of the rules governing special permits by increasing the advertising fee from \$100.00 to \$130.00 for all special permits listed thereunder.

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## RELIGION NEWS

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The following is a list of properties that sold in Andover from April 28 to May 18.

**1** Kevin R. Benedix bought **2 Hearthstone Place, Lot 39** for \$530,000, from Kenneth J. McAvoy. The mortgage is with First Financial, Inc.

**2** Susan E. Hsu bought **283 Salem St., Lot 2** for \$330,000, from Alice M. Gillan. The mortgages are with Bank of America and North American Mortgage Company.

**3** Christian M. Nawn bought **50 Juliette St., Lot B,** for \$235,000, from Norman R. Arsenault. The mortgage is with Fleet Mortgage Corp.

**4** Paul Condon bought **60 Wasington Park Drive** for \$93,500, from HMM Realty Trust.

**5** Paul L. D. Russell bought **2 Pine Cone Lane, Lot 4** for \$447,400, from Mitsu Realty Trust. The mortgage is with North American Mortgage Co.

**6** Richard T. Rohnstock bought **39 Bartlet St.** for \$225,000, from Jeannette B. Rohnstock. The mortgages are with Assurance Mortgage Corp. of America.

**7** Edward J. Moffitt bought **1 Vine St., Lot 4** for \$289,900, from Richard S. Rigoli. The mortgages are with Sherwood Mortgage Group, Inc. and Chase Manhattan Bank USA N A.

**8** Stephen H. Rusckowski bought **2 Coventry Lane** for \$715,000, from Walter T. Radulski. The mortgage is with Patriot Funding Limited Partnership.

**9** John N. Glendenning III bought **15 Lowell St.** for \$321,500, from Brian F. Lynch. The mortgage is with US Trust.

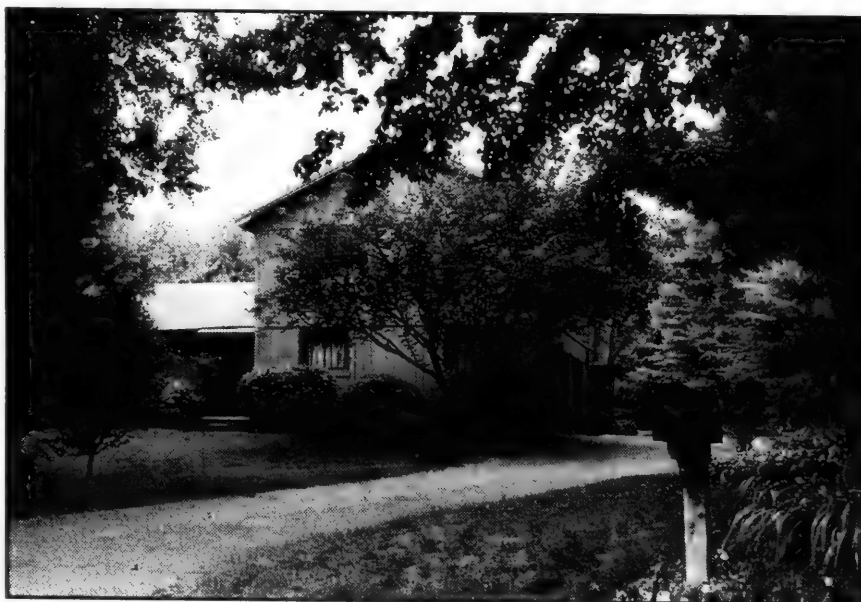


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This home, at 17 Apple Blossom Road, was recently sold for \$353,000.

**10** Brian F. Lynch bought **8 William St.** for \$424,000, from Barbara A. Fardy. The mortgage is with Savings Bank.

**11** Jill A. Houser bought **12 Canterbury St.** for \$259,900, from James T. Groleau. The mortgage is with Washington Mutual Bank FA.

**12** Robert A. Borek, Jr. bought **17 Apple Blossom Road** for \$353,000, from Paul D. Sampson. The mortgage is with Patriot Funding Limited Partnership.

**13** Cheryl A. Rodrigues bought **Unit 219, 16 Balmoral St.** for \$110,000, from Michael J. Winsor. The mortgage is with Headlands Mortgage Co.

**14** Deangelo Nominee Trust bought **5 Blackberry Lane, Lot 2,** for \$295,000, from

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**15** Iric L. Rex bought **131 Abbot St.** for \$295,000, from Joanne M. Bastian. The mortgage is with Stepstone Mortgage Co. Inc.

**16** Thomas G. Avenia bought **135 Brentwood Circle** for \$330,000, from Beth E. Sott.

**17** Fred J. Ravens, III bought **11 Buttonwood Drive** for \$910,000, from Jean A. Drumgool. The mortgage is with Reading Cooperative Bank.

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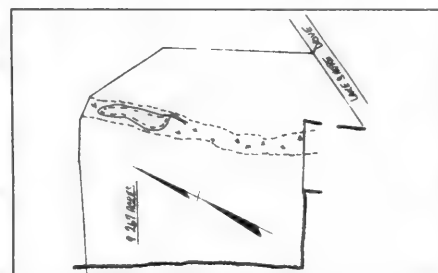
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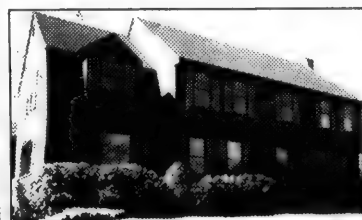
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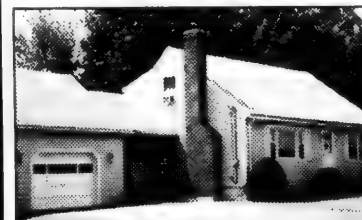
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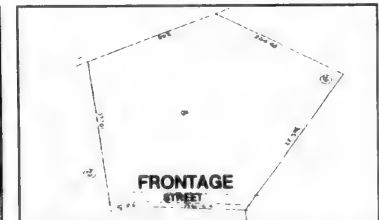
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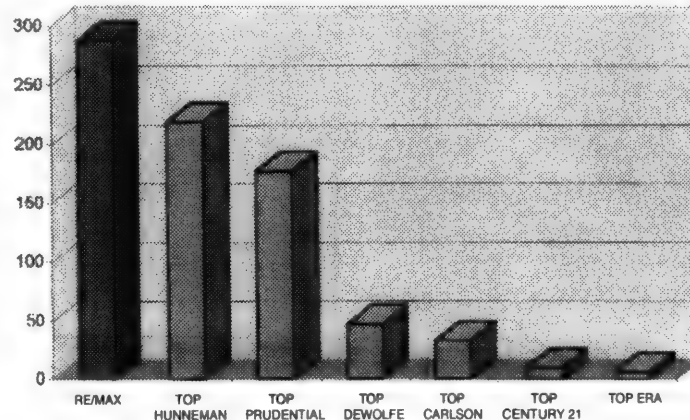
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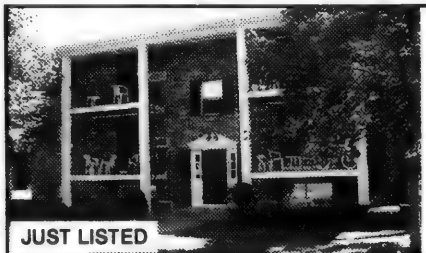
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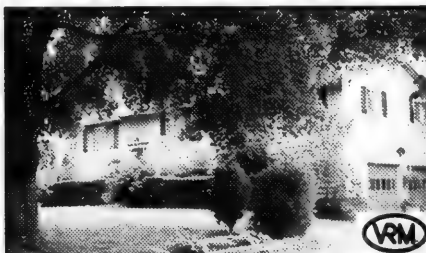
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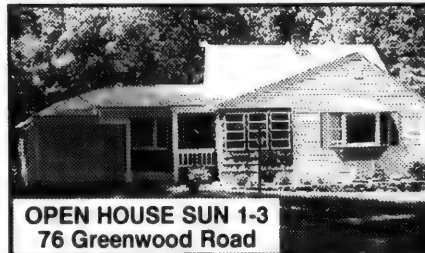
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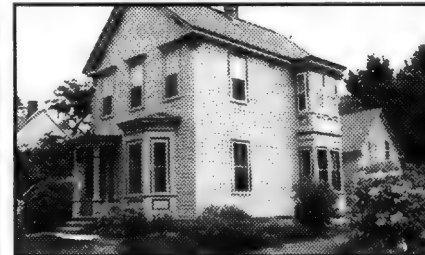
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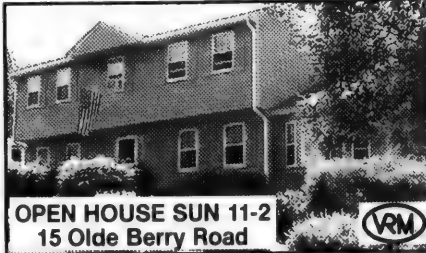
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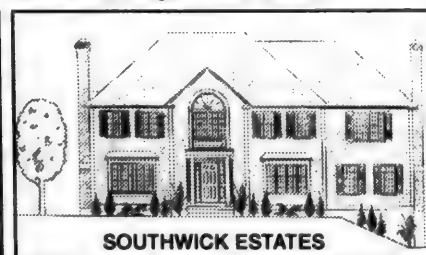
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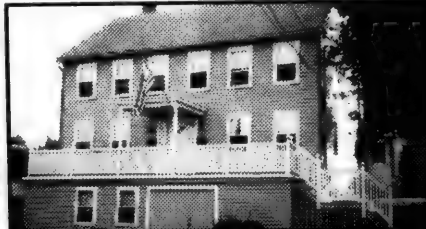
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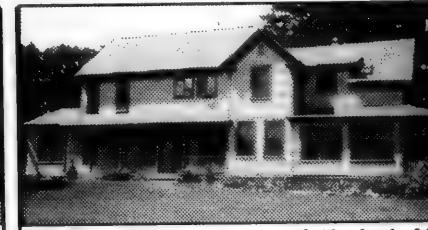
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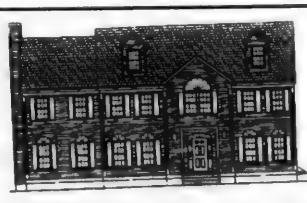
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## Which floor covering fits your home and lifestyle?

**By Michelle Eld and Jennifer Valeri**

Many people have a set loyalty to a particular type of flooring. While some people would never dream of having anything but hardwood floors in their home, others prefer the cozy feel of wall-to-wall carpeting. Still others prefer a combination of area rugs and hardwood.

**Carpeting**

Carpeting has several advantages, the first being that they're more economical to maintain than most smooth flooring, according to the a2z carpet website. They also have an acoustical advantage, as carpets naturally muffle sounds and provide a good environment for both the home and workplace. Noise produced by things such as ringing phones and air conditioners don't seem as loud and distracting in a room with carpeting.

Count energy conservation as another advantage of carpeting. Its insulating properties make for a warmer, cozier environment. And they're naturally more comfortable to walk on because they're shock-absorbant and have an anti-skid surface.

An anti-skid surface is especially important when small children or the elderly are around. With carpeting, there's virtually no chance of slipping

and hitting one's head on the floor, as there is with hardwood.

For people with handicaps, carpeting can be a good thing. Some of the benefits, according to a2z, include:

- low-pile high density carpeting provides a good surface for people with wheelchairs

- firmly-anchored carpets provide a non-skid surface, beneficial to people using crutches or canes

- textures and shapes of carpets can provide sensory clues to blind people or people with limited sight.

When pondering which type of carpeting to get, there are a few things to consider.

Appearance is number one. It must match the pattern, color scheme, shape and size you need. This is a purely personal decision, a decision you make based on the interior of your home, taking into account what color rooms you want or what themes you're going for. Consider other factors, such as children or pets, too. It wouldn't exactly be wise to choose a bright white rug if you have three small children and a dog at home.

You should also make sure the carpeting you select is durable and will withstand the test of time. Again, consider your lifestyle. Children and

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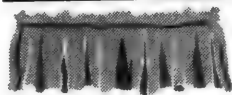
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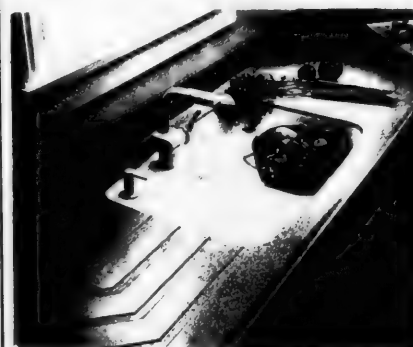
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## Which floor covering ...

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pets will be traipsing through the house on a regular basis, carrying mud on sneakers and paws from outside. Also, you can bet there'll be lots of food and drink stains to contend with. You'll want a rug that will stand up to that kind of abuse.

Questions you might want to ask when considering durability include:

- Has the carpet been treated with soil retardants and/or stain repellents?
- Can it resist mildew and other microbial attacks?

- How cleanable is the carpet?
- Is the carpet flame-resistant?

Finally, cost is another factor in choosing the right kind of carpeting for you. There's a lot more than just the purchase price. According to a2z carpet, the total cost involved can be divided into these categories:

- Purchase price. This is usually given in dollars per square yard for carpet only/cushion only/for assembly. Keep in mind you might want to buy extra material for matching patterns.

- Installation cost. This might include charges for removing old carpeting or repairing cracks in the floor. There are also charges for additional treatments, such as reducing moisture or alkalinity and installing the cushion.

- Maintenance expenses. This includes the cost of cleaning (labor involved) and any repairs that might be

needed.

### Cleaning tips

Carpeting is a little more difficult to clean than hardwood floors, for obvious reasons. But there are ways to keep your carpet looking new over the long haul.

Regular vacuuming will remove loose dirt and prevent soil build-up. But when your carpet shows visible signs of wear over time, you should consider a more drastic cleaning. But first, do you do it yourself or hire a professional? Each side has its advantages.

Hiring a professional will save you both the time and trouble of doing it own your own. The equipment they use will probably be more effective for the job and, as professionals, they have more experience and training in carpet cleaning than you do. Also, they know how to treat a particular stain or area of the rug and can get it done faster. The cost of hiring someone might work out to be the same as if you bought all the equipment and chemicals to take on the job yourself.

In contrast, should you decide to clean your own carpets, you have a few factors in your favor. First, You don't have to shop around for a professional cleaner. You can do the job to satisfy your expectations - expectations which might be higher than the service person's, according to a2z carpet. And you could end up saving some money

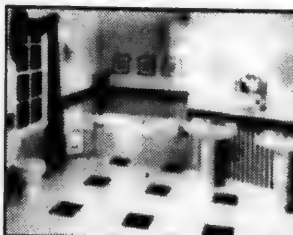
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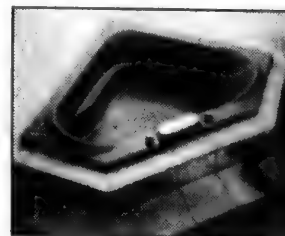
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this way, particularly if you get a good deal on rental equipment.

### Highlights of hardwood

Maintaining the beauty of a hardwood floor is simple. The National Wood Floor Association states everyday precautions can help prolong your floor's appearance.

Mats and throw rugs near doorways will limit the amount of dirt tracked onto the floor. If your wood flooring is in the kitchen area, keep an area rug near the sink. Place plastic or fabric guides under furniture to keep the legs from scraping the floor. Also, lift furniture when moving it, rather than dragging it across the floor. Wipe all spills immediately, using a towel that is only slightly damp. Never wet mop a wood floor. Standing water will dull the finish and discolor the wood. Consider the damage a shoe can cause. High heels or cleats can exert pressure onto the floor, causing dents in the floor. A humidifier in the home during winter months will help keep the moisture level in the air at a consistent rate. This will help lessen the movement in the wood.

### Finishing the floor

Hardwood floors have a variety of finishes. While the manufacturer or installer can let you know what kind of finish the floor has, this is of no assistance if the floor is already installed.

There are two main categories of floor finish; either a wax/shellac finish or a surface finish. The National Wood Floor Association suggests the following spot test to determine your floor's finish.

In an inconspicuous place, scratch the floor with a coin or sharp object. If the finish flakes, then it is probably shellac or wax. Also, if the floor was installed or serviced before the mid-1960s, then the floor is most likely shellac or varnish. Neither is used nowadays, as they require a full sanding before applying a wax or surface finish.

To tell the difference between wax and shellac, leave two drops of water (again in an inconspicuous place) on the floor for 10 minutes. If white spots appear, the floor has a wax finish. You can remove the spots using the finest steel wool, dampened with wax.

If, however, your floor doesn't flake when scratched and doesn't show white spots when wet, it has a surface finish.

### Maintaining hardwood flooring

Caring for a hardwood floor is much easier than it would appear. First, know what you are using to care for your floor. The National Wood Floor Association advises to never use regular floor wax, such as those used on tile or vinyl, on a hardwood floor. These acrylic waxes will dull the surface of the wood and leave it slippery.

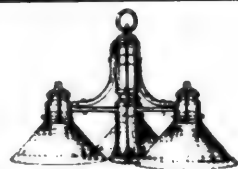
## Rug types

Not all rugs are created equal. According to Floor Facts, an industry-sponsored web site for both consumers and professionals, the following is a sample of the types of rugs available.

- Saxony - Smooth, cut-pile surface, used in traditional rooms and formal areas, versatile
- Textured Saxony - Texture hides dirt, casual for family rooms, popular for its easy care
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- Cut and Loop - Distinctive appearance, multi-colored hides dirt and wear, adds color to a room
- Multi-level Loop - Unique appearance, durable

To maintain a wax or shellac finished floor, dust mop and vacuum regularly. Buffing will restore some of the shine, but you will need to apply a floor wax at some point. Use a cleaner and floor wax designated for wood floors. Be sure to apply the wax evenly, and allow adequate drying time. There are cleaners combined with wax to help if the floor is especially discolored or if

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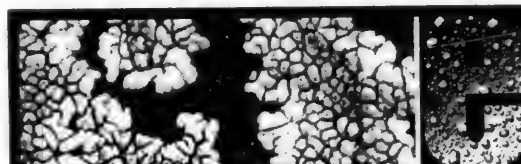
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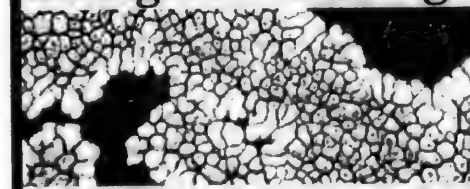
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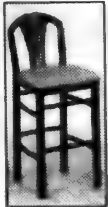
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the wax is discolored. The cleaner should be solvent-based, not water-based. Apply the cleaner to the floor, rubbing gently with a cloth or very fine steel wool. The rubbing should remove the grime. Let the floor dry and buff it

to a shine.

For a floor with a surface finish, you should dust, sweep or vacuum regularly. The manufacturer can recommend a cleaner designed for surface finishes. The floor can be re-coated with a surface finish to restore shine. Never use wax on a surface-

finished floor.

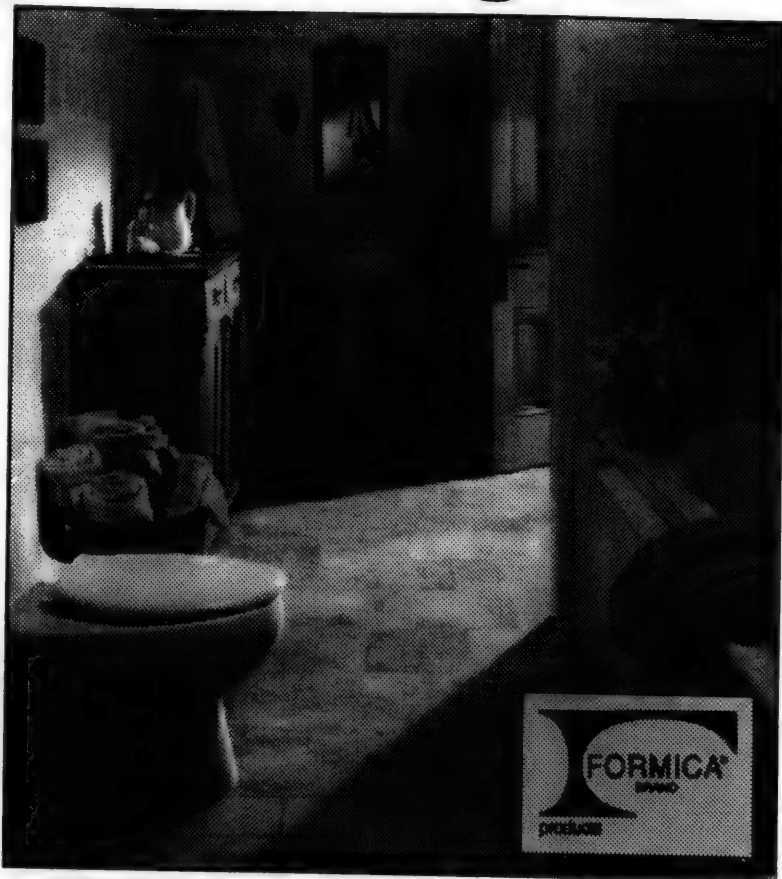
There are times when regular cleaning might not be enough. Scratches and stains occur and the National Wood Floor Association offers the following tips, depending on your floor's problem.

If the floor sustains scratches in the

wood, then chances are the finish is a penetrating stain or wax. Waxing the area will eliminate the appearance of the scratches. If the finish is scratched, not the wood, then the finish is probably a surface finish. Flooring retailers sell touch-up kits made for

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urethane finishes.

Stains can be removed, based on the type of floor finish.

**Stains on waxed wood floors**

Food stains can be removed from waxed floors using a damp cloth. Once the area is dry, wax can be applied. White spots and water stains can be rubbed out, using the finest steel wool and a wood floor cleaner. Again, allow the floor to dry and re-wax. Dark spots or ink stains can be removed in the same manner as the water stains. If it fails, apply regular bleach or vinegar to the spot and leave it to soak in for one hour. Rinse the area and wipe it dry. Smooth it with sandpaper and re-wax.

Mold can be removed with a standard wood cleaner, as can wax build-up. Odorless mineral spirits will also remove old wax. When the wax is removed, buff the floor and re-apply wax.

Heel marks can be buffed out using very fine steel wool and a small amount of wax. Difficult stains such as oil or grease require a little extra effort. Place cotton soaked in hydrogen peroxide over the stain. Use a second piece of cotton, soaked in ammonia and place it over the first. When stain is removed, allow it to dry, then buff the area.

Hardened stains, such as chewing gum, crayon or candle wax, can be

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**Guidelines for stain and spot removal from carpet and rugs**

Ooops - you've dropped some grape juice on your rug. Now what? Don't despair. There are ways to get tough stains out of carpets and rugs, provided you take action right away. Follow these tips by a2z carpet.

1. Immediately blot up as much of the liquid stain as possible using a soft, white, absorbent material like a towel or napkin. Though most of the carpets produced today are treated with stain-resistant treatments, no carpet can be completely stain-proof. And the longer the stain stays in the carpet, the more likely it is to set.

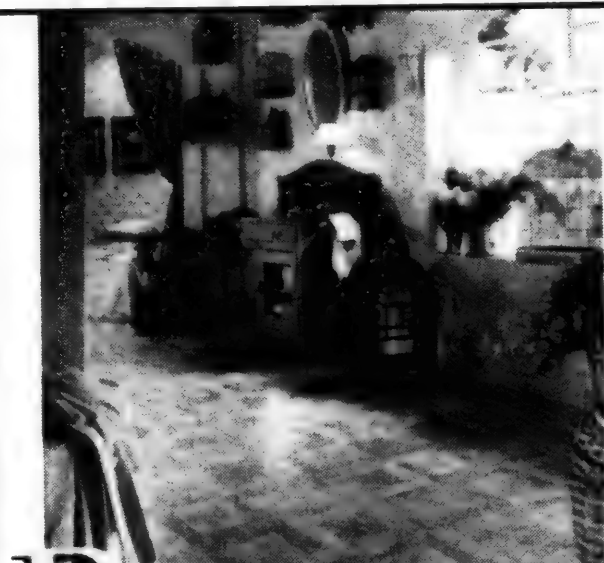
2. Scrape away the solid or semi-solid stain using a blunt spatula or spoon. Never use a knife, as its sharp edges could harm the pile fibers.

3. Never scrub or brush a stain. Scrubbing can harm the fibers and can actually make the stain set into the carpet.

4. Vacuum away as much of the solid stain as possible.

5. Pretest the spot removal agent on an inconspicuous area of the rug.

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removed using an ice pack. The ice will make the substance brittle and you can chip the material off. Crayon or candle wax can also be removed by placing a hot pressing iron on top of an ink blotter over the stain.

To treat a cigarette burn on a waxed hardwood floor, rub the area with fine steel wool dampened with wax. If the burn is deep, remove the burn with a pen knife and rub the area with

sandpaper. Wax and hand-buff.

### Stains on surface-finished flooring

Floors with a surface finish are treated only with cleaners designed for their finish. Any stain, whether it is food, water or grease, should be treated with a cleaner developed for urethane finishes. There are touch-up kits made for urethane finishes that can be used in the case of a scratch, heel mark or burn. Always follow the manufacturer's recommendation when the information is available.

## Guidelines for stain and spot removal

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Apply a few drops to each color in the carpet, then press a clean, white towel or napkin lightly over it for about 30 seconds. Check the towel and the carpet for color transfer, change in color or other damage. If you notice a change, try a different spot remover.

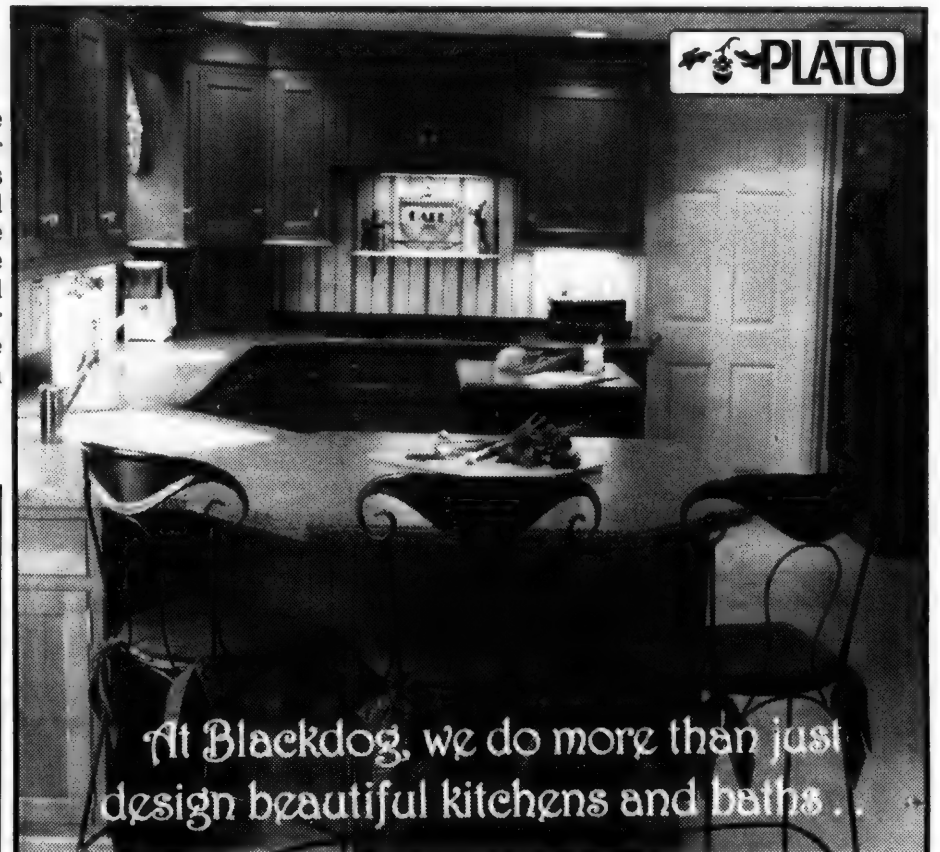
6. To clean the spot, apply a small amount of spot remover to a soft, white absorbent material and gently apply to stain, working from the edges towards the center of the spot to prevent it from spreading. Continue as long as the stain is getting transferred onto the towel. Apply more solution to a fresh area on the towel and repeat the process as long

as the stain is being removed.

7. In cases where you need to apply more than one spot removal agent in a sequence, continue applying the first spot remover as long as there is any improvement, then move on to the next one.

8. After the spill is completely removed, rinse out the affected area with water and blot dry to remove the cleaning solution, as any residue might attract soil and cause damage to the carpet. To effectively blot up the water, you can use clean, dry towels weighed down by flat, heavy objects, such as books. Change the towels as they become saturated.

9. Do not overwet the area. Overwetting of carpets while cleaning can cause damage to the carpet.



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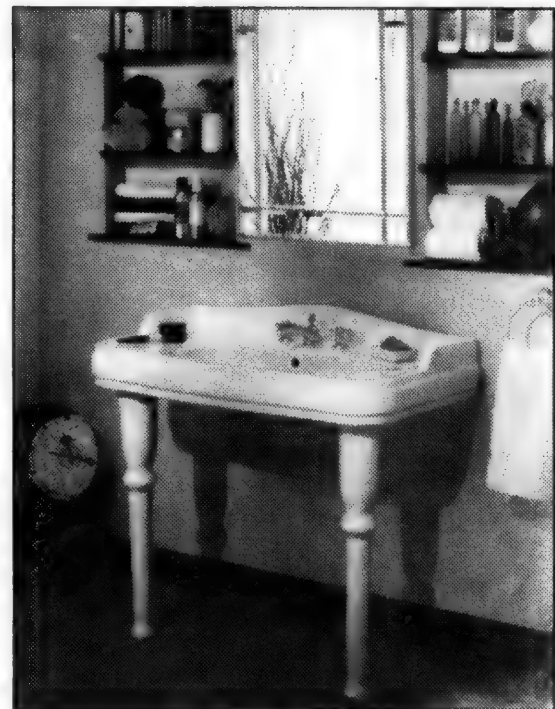
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2. Install grab bars or tub bars to make it easier to get in and out of the shower or tub. Grab bars and tub bars offer solid support and can help people who have a difficult time balancing or standing in the shower.
3. Place non-skid strips or a rubber mat in showers and/or bathtubs.
4. Leave the bathroom door unlocked, so it can be opened from both sides in case of an emergency.
5. Use non-skid rugs on bathroom floors.
6. For elderly or injured residents, consider adding a transfer bench that fits securely over the tub and helps them avoid stepping and balancing on one foot. Transfer benches are also useful for athletes on the mend from injuries.
7. When bathing a small child, gather all needed items in advance (soap, towel,

etc.). Never leave a small child unattended in the tub—a child can drown very quickly in a small amount of water.

8. To prevent slipping, wipe up any spilled water and liquid soap from the bathroom floor.

9. A specially designed shower seat or chair in the shower can be useful for older residents or people who would like more stability in the shower. Many seats feature adjustable legs and slip-resistant rubber feet for extra stability and comfort.

10. Use a hand-held shower in the bath for better control of water flow when washing your hair, shaving your legs, using a shower seat or cleaning the tub.

11. Never touch or turn on an electric switch or an electrical appliance while standing in the bathtub, shower, or on a damp floor. Don't use a portable electric heater in the bathroom.

12. Install a ground fault circuit interrupter on bathroom outlets to detect and stop an improper flow of electricity.

13. Carefully check your hot water temperature, making sure not to exceed 140 degrees Fahrenheit.

14. Keep cleaning chemicals out of children's reach.

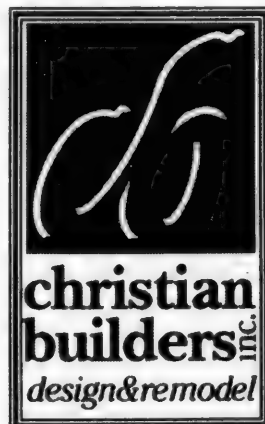
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# Attention to detail is a must in bathroom design

**T**he bathroom is one of the most personalized rooms in any house. It serves the dual purpose of being a place for personal hygiene and a place for rest and relaxation.

Yet, in many cases, the bathroom is being used by everyone in the household as well as by those who visit. To perform its many functions, a great deal of attention must be given to its design.

"The overall space planning and layout of the bathroom are extremely important. Color and material trends change over time, and so do the people who are living in and using the bathroom," explained Mary Jo Peterson, CKD, CBD, author of the National Kitchen & Bath Association's (NKBA) book titled, *Universal Bathroom Planning - Design that Adapts to People*. "It may be possible to alter color schemes, however, the design should work for those using it today as well as in the future."

To create a design that meets the needs of all users throughout their lifecycles, NKBA recommends incorporating universal design standards.

In addition to ensuring safety in the bathroom, universal design considers the needs of everyone who will utilize the space - men, women, children, people with disabilities and people who are aging. In fact, age is a very important item to consider when

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planning a bathroom project. According to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), by the year 2020, more than 20 percent of the population will be over 65 years old. A survey completed by the AARP showed that a majority of people wish to stay in their homes and age in place.

"Even though an individual may not currently be aware of any unusual needs, a design feature that today is considered a convenience can, through natural changes that occur as part of the aging process, become a necessity," Ms. Peterson said. "Universal design allows flexibility for continued independent living as these changes occur."

To create a universally designed bathroom, consider the room's three main fixtures - the lavatory, the bathtub/shower and the toilet.

## The lavatory

The National Kitchen & Bath Association suggests that the maximum height for a lavatory (sink) for a seated user is 34 inches, with 30 inches being a more comfortable choice. Additionally, the sink should not be deeper than 6 1/2 inches. A comfortable height for a lavatory for a standing user is typically 36 - 38 inches.

"Both the standing and seated user can be accommodated if there is room for two sinks," Ms. Peterson explained. "If space is limited, an adjustable height sink can be used that will accommodate both users."

When planning a sink for a seated user, it is important to plan for knee space as well. NKBA recommends knee space below the sink that is at least 30 inches wide with 36 inches preferred.

Storage close to the lavatory for

towels, grooming items and other supplies should also be included. Storage should be within the universal reach range of 15-48 inches above the floor. NKBA recommends that drawers adjacent to knee space, open shelves on adjacent counters or rolling storage be included to achieve this convenience.

## The bathtub/shower

The main focus for the bathtub/shower area is safe transfer into and out of the fixture and ease of use, according to Ms. Peterson. To accommodate this, NKBA recommends that grab bars, and non-slip flooring be included in every bathroom design. Additionally, steps should never be planned at the bathtub or shower area.

"These recommendations are essential, regardless of who is using the bathroom,"

Ms. Peterson said. "But they are particularly helpful for us as children and as we advance in age."

Another important item to consider in this area is placement of the controls.

"Shower and bathtub controls must be accessible from inside and outside of the fixture," Ms. Peterson explained.

Specifically, NKBA recommends that shower controls be located between 38 inches and 48 inches above the floor and bathtub controls be placed between the rim of the tub and 33 inches above the floor. Both should be offset toward the room.

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### The toilet

Similar to the shower and bathtub, the toilet requires transfer. To accommodate various users, NKBA recommends that ample floor space be planned around this fixture. The toilet should be planned with 48 inches of clear floor space in front of the fixture by 48 inches off the side wall.

"This would allow a person to transfer from a perpendicular approach or a forward approach, making it fairly flexible and universal," Ms. Peterson said.

Grab bars or another transfer device should also be included in this area, Ms. Peterson added.

"It is important to note that the inclusion of grab bars does not mean that the bathroom will have an 'institutional' look," Ms. Peterson explained. "Grab bars are available in a wide variety of colors and styles that will blend with the decor in the room."

### Completing the look

Aside from the fixtures, several additional items should be considered to ensure that the design is universal. These include doorways, storage, and controls.

"Whenever possible, doorways that are at least 32 inches wide should be planned," Ms. Peterson explained. "This will create a space that is usable by everyone, including those who use a wheelchair."

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NKBA also recommends that all walkways in the bathroom be a minimum of 36 inches wide.

Providing enough space for storage is also important. All storage space should be located within the universal reach range of 15 inches to 48 inches off the floor, according to NKBA.

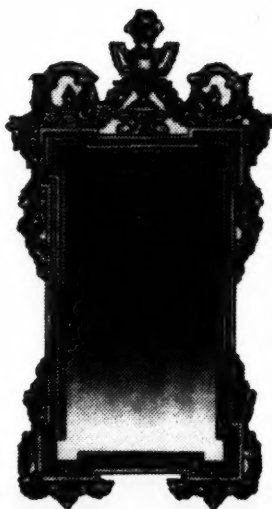
"If drawers are used for storage, be sure that all handles and pulls are operable with one hand and require only a minimal amount of strength for operation," Ms. Peterson suggested. "This should also be the case for cabinets, plumbing fixtures and light switches."

With so many items to consider, it is a good idea to consult with a professional.

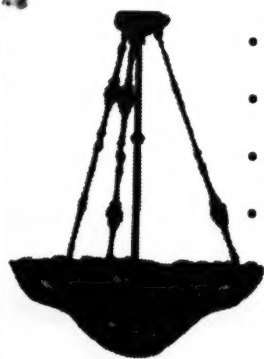
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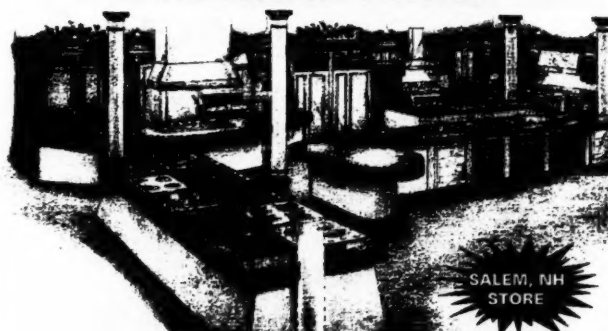
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# Planning a kitchen project involves aesthetics, materials

When planning a kitchen project, the easiest part is often the aesthetics. Most individuals know the overall colors and styles that they want to incorporate into the space. The harder part is knowing what materials and products to include in order to create the desired look.

"It is very important to have an understanding of the pros and cons of the various cabinets, appliances and surface materials that are available," explained Doris Lacroix, president of the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA). "Only then can you evaluate them properly in relation to your needs."

Part of the process, according to Ms. Lacroix, is knowing the terminology. Following are some important definitions to learn as you prepare for a kitchen project.

## Cabinets

A recent study conducted by NKBA showed that cabinetry accounts for a major portion (53 percent) of the total cost of a kitchen project. Indeed, cabinets can be a focal point in the kitchen in both an economic sense and a design sense.

"There are numerous options available in kitchen cabinetry today," Ms. Lacroix said. "To determine what cabinets are right for your space, begin with the different methods used to manufacture them."

Stock cabinets: Standard cabinetry that is produced in large quantities in

advance. As they are produced in quantity, special units are not available. However, manufacturers do offer a wide range of widths and styles, and they are the least expensive choice.

"Purchasing stock cabinets does not mean sacrificing style," explained Ms. Lacroix.

"Decorative moldings can be added to stock cabinetry for a unique look, and interest can be added with a clever layout."

Custom cabinets: These cabinets are manufactured on a kitchen-by-kitchen basis after the kitchen has been designed and sold. Special sizes can be produced for a perfect fit in any kitchen. And, they are available in a wide range of wood species, finishes and special sizes.

"Although they are more expensive, custom cabinets give a kitchen a distinctive, upscale look," Ms. Lacroix said.

Semi-custom cabinets: Semi-custom cabinets are produced by both stock and custom manufacturers, on a stock basis. According to Ms. Lacroix, semi-custom cabinets have many more standard interior fittings and accessories than regular stock units.

## Appliances

Preparing meals, cooking and clean-up are still the primary activities that take place in the kitchen. To accomplish them, an individual must have the right equipment.

"Everyone completes these tasks

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differently, and therefore, appliance choices are very individual," Ms. Lacroix said.

Cooking equipment: Cooking equipment is available in three types, according to Ms. Lacroix.

Built-in equipment provides an oven at waist height, or if using double ovens, one at eye-level and one below.

"Using a built-in piece will allow more counter space. Also, it can be designed so that the oven and the cooktop are together or separated," Ms. Lacroix explained. "If separated, a built-in cooktop with two to six cooking elements can also be planned."

Slide-in or free-standing equipment features an oven below the cooking surface.

According to Ms. Lacroix, this is a good choice if budget or space limitations exist.

"One popular choice in free-standing equipment is the commercial-look oven," Ms. Lacroix said. "Today, commercial-styled equipment is available for residential application."

The third option is the drop-in range. It is similar in looks and price to the slide-in, but it is installed between base cabinets and supported by cabinetry.

Refrigeration: Like cooking equipment, refrigeration units can also be built-in or free-standing. Separate refrigerator and freezer units are available, although combined units are more popular.

"Smaller, individual refrigerators can be planned under the counter, near the sink, to allow storage of cold items closer to where food preparation is done," Ms. Lacroix said.

For combined units, several options are available, according to NKBA. The freezer may be located on the bottom, on the top, or the refrigerator and freezer may be side-by-side. Refrigerator/freezer units that have freezers placed on the top tend to have a lower energy consumption than units with side-by-side or bottom freezers because the freezer section is farther away from the warm compressor and condenser, according to NKBA.

## Countertops

Choosing the appropriate countertop material is essential because it adds to the overall aesthetics

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of the design, but it must also be practical.

"Each countertop material has its advantages and disadvantages. Therefore, the selection is often based on the individual and how he or she will use the space," Ms. Lacroix said.

**Decorative laminate:** According to Lacroix, laminate is very durable and easy to clean, and it is available in hundreds of colors and patterns. However, it is subject to cuts and burns from hot pots and once damaged, it cannot be repaired.

**Solid surface:** Solid surface materials are easy to customize to a given space, and they combine well with other materials. If damaged, solid surface materials can be repaired.

"This material is a good choice if you want to add a feeling of luxury and elegance to a space," Ms. Lacroix said. "Color and pattern choices are somewhat limited when compared with laminate options, and solid surface counters can be expensive."

**Ceramic tile:** This material offers tremendous versatility in colors, patterns and customizing. It is also quite durable and will not cut, burn, blister, or peel. It is, however, expensive and not practical for use everywhere in the kitchen.

"When incorporating ceramic tile, it is important to consider how the counter will be used," Ms. Lacroix

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explained. "Tile is not a good choice for an area where a great amount of food preparation will be completed. It should not be used in a space where you will be rolling dough for example."

**Marble/granite:** Like solid surface, these materials add elegance to the kitchen. They are very fashionable and durable. If they are broken, however, neither can be repaired. Also, marble is easy to stain.

"It is important to note that it is not necessary to choose only one countertop material," Ms. Lacroix said. "Solid surface, laminate, tile, marble, and granite can be combined with each other, offering several benefits. The combination gives the kitchen a unique look while cutting down on costs and retaining durability in high-use areas."

### Design

According to Ms. Lacroix, material and product choices are only as good as the design into which they are placed.

"Nothing can take the place of a well-thought-out and personalized kitchen design," Ms. Lacroix said. "It is only with a good design that a kitchen will appropriately function and represent your taste and style."

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**Answer:** The first option is to have the tub resurfaced by a professional. Depending on the color and location, the pros may charge between \$200 and \$250 to resurface a bathtub with an epoxy finish. There are also refinishing kits available for the do-it-yourselfer. The kits can be made to work, but our experience indicates a high failure rate when folks try to refinish the tub themselves.

The problem is getting a good bond between the new epoxy coating and the old tub finish. You have to start with a surface that's really clean. While the old tub's surface appears to be smooth and unbroken, in fact there are tiny pores in the finish that collect soap scum and dirt. The pros overcome this problem by giving the tub a strong acid bath. Industrial strength acid is very dangerous to handle — especially by a novice. An alternative would be to mix a very

strong solution of TSP (trisodium phosphate). Follow the directions on the TSP container to mix the solution to the strength recommended for use as a paint remover. Wear eye protection and rubber gloves when using this solution.

Clean the tub with TSP solution and a stiff bristle scrub brush. Scrub the tub repeatedly. This is the most important step of the job. If you fail to get the surface clean, the epoxy will peel off the tub. Rinse the tub with clear water to remove the TSP.

The next step is to sand the tub to break the glaze of the porcelain finish. Use 80-grit wet or dry paper to wet sand the finish. Again, this must be a complete job. Any little section left unsanded is a prime candidate for peeling finish. The final step is to apply the epoxy. Probably the easiest approach is to buy a tub resurfacing kit at your local home center. The kits contain the necessary tools — rollers and brushes — plus the epoxy finish, and cost about \$75.

Because professionals use heat to cure their epoxy finishes, they estimate that a refinished tub will hold up for up to seven years. If you are very careful in the cleaning and sanding steps, you should get at least five years of service out of the finished tub before you have to repeat the process.

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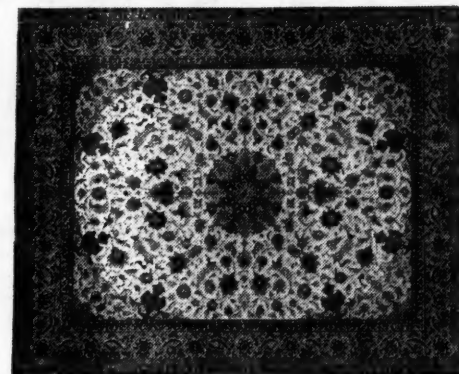
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